

**STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS**  
**General Board of Commissioners Meeting\***  
**250 South Hotel Street, Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813**  
**Multipurpose Room, First Floor**

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 11:00am**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present**

Konrad Ng, Chair; Ronald Michioka, Honolulu County; Susana Browne, At-Large; Michael Marshall, At-Large; Janet Sato, Maui County; Sean Connelly, At-Large; Randall Fujiki, At-Large; Nalani Brun, Kauai County

**SFCA Staff Present**

Karen Ewald, Executive Director; Jonathan Johnson, Art Administrator; Rhiannon Keene, Secretary; Katelyn Sweeney Ching, Administrative Service Assistant; Elizabeth Baxter, Curator; Brittany Rakowitz, Community Arts Coordinator, Danica “Nikki” Rosengren, Arts Education, Mamiko Carroll, Information Specialist.

**Others Present**

Alyssa-Marie Kau, Deputy Attorney General; Senator Chris Lee.

**1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Konrad Ng called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ronald Michioka and seconded by Susana Browne. The motion to approve the agenda was approved unanimously.

**3. Statement from the Public**

Chairperson Konrad Ng called for public statements. There were none.

**4. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on January 17, 2024**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on January 17, 2024, was made by Ronald Michioka and seconded by Janet Sato. The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

**5. New/Continuing Business for Discussion and/or Action**

**5.a Biennium Grants FY2025 Recommendations**

Brittany Rakowitz presented the Biennium Grants funding request in the order of priority (high score) ranking to fund as State funding becomes available. The State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) provides public funds through Biennium Grants to support projects designed to promote, perpetuate, and preserve culture and the arts in Hawaii. The applicant organizations are located statewide and many include neighboring islands in their program outreach. The program is intended to support the programs/projects of eligible nonprofit 501(c)3 arts and culture organizations. A motion to approve the funding request for the Biennium Grants was made by Ronald Michioka and seconded by Susana Browne. The motion to approve the recommendation was approved unanimously.

**5.b. Artist in the Schools FY2025 Recommendations**

Danica Rosengren presented to the Artist in the Schools funding request in the order of priority (high score) ranking to fund as State funding becomes available. A motion to approve the Artists in the Schools funding request was made by Susana Browne and seconded by Ronald Michioka. The motion to approve the recommendation was approved unanimously.

#### 5.c. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 Draft Budget for the State Foundation Culture and the Arts

Karen Ewald presented the draft FY25 SFCA budget, with the provision that the Executive Director has the authority to make adjustments as needed. She explained the final budget will be presented after the Administration releases the budget execution policies and possible restrictions. A motion to approve the recommendation of the budget as presented, with the provision that the Executive Director has the authority to make adjustments as needed was made by Ronald Michioka and seconded by Susana Browne. The motion to approve the recommendation was approved unanimously.

#### 5.d. 2024 Legislative Update on Matters Concerning the State Foundation Culture and the Arts

Karen Ewald gave an update on the bills and resolutions that passed relating to the SFCA. The highlights included: HB1800 CD1(Raising appropriation ceiling for the works of Art Special Fund by \$3,500,000; an appropriation of \$102,000 in General funds raising the appropriation to match the Federal Partnership Grant; an appropriation of \$150,000 in General funds to assist with the Maui wildfire relief; and the Office Assistant III 25% funded was abolished. GM577, appointed chairperson Konrad Ng for a term to expire 06-30-2027. GM578, appointed Connelly to the SFCA commission for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

#### 5.e. Festival of the Pacific Arts and Culture at Capitol Modern

Karen Ewald gave an overview of the 13<sup>th</sup> Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture in Hawaii, with the main site at the Hawaii Convention Center and programming at the Hawaii State Art Museum.

#### 6. Announcements

SFCA Strategic planning listening sessions will be held statewide during the month of August. The dates are August 1, 2024 - Kona, August 8, 2024 - Hilo, August 13, 2024 - Maui, August 22, 2024 - Kauai and August 29 – Oahu. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

#### 7. Adjournment

Chairperson Konrad Ng called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m.