

**Minutes
Emergency Council Session
September 23, 2023
8:30 a.m.**

**Virtual Meeting
via Microsoft TEAMS**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS: Chair Parks, Mr. Alaquiva, Mr. Astorino, Senator Bartolotta, Mr. Gabel, Ms. Goldberg, Judge Morgan, Mr. Stull, Mr. Warfield, Ms. Zaborney (via proxy)

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Representative Ciresi, Ms. Gunderson, Representative Labs, Ms. Vilayphonh

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Karl Blischke, Executive Director; Norah Johnson, Director of Public Awareness & External Affairs

GUESTS PRESENT: Amber Sizemore, General Counsel; Stephen Kovatis, General Counsel

No members of the public were present and no public comment was received.

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER: Chair Parks called this emergency meeting of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts to order. Chair Parks stated that the sole order of business relates to the improper use of the Pennsylvania on the Arts' name and logo by a non-grantee. Chair Parks asked if there is anyone who wishes to ask legal counsel to create a motion.

Senator Bartolotta made the motion and Vice Chair Gabel seconded the motion.

Chair Parks turned the meeting over to General Counsel Sizemore to help with the motion.

Ms. Sizemore stated that this is a fairly straightforward motion and stated that Council will entertain a motion to authorize legal action and direct counsel to take legal action as discussed in executive session.

Chair Parks asked Senator Bartolotta and Vice Chair Gabel if they consent to that motion.

Both Senator Bartolotta and Vice Chair Gabel consented to said motion.

Executive Director Blischke stated that he is not aware of any conflicts of interest that Council has disclosed for any of the entities that PCA has described today.

Chair Parks asked if any of the members of Council have any conflicts to disclose prior to the vote.

Hearing none, Chair Parks asked if there is any discussion on the motion. There were no questions regarding the motion.

Vote taken. Motion carries, none abstained or opposed.

General Counsel Sizemore suggested that since there was one proxy vote counted, that a roll call be taken for the record.

Mr. Blischke took the roll call of those present.

Chair Parks indicated that Ms. Zaborney's proxy vote is aye.

Chair Parks stated that the motion carries and added that there is no other business during this emergency meeting. Parks thanked everyone in attendance and stated that Council will be made of aware as situations in this matter arise.

Chair Parks adjourned the meeting at 8:35 am.