



**Council Meeting**  
**August 7, 2024**  
**1:00 pm-4:00 pm**  
**GCA Atlanta Office**

**In Attendance**

**Council Members:** Colt Chambers, Bryan Brooks, Joanne Chessler Gross, Gina Jeffords, Linda Nicholson, Karla Redding-Andrews, Brandy Baker, Rep. Kasey Carpenter, Michelle Arwood, Madia Cooper Ashifri

**GDECD Staff:** Sydne Smith, Mary Waters

**GCA Staff:** Allen Bell, Tina Lilly, Delilah Johnson, Emily Yewell Volin, Tyrone Webb, Olivia Byers, Kenny Oaster

**Purpose Possible:** Laura Hennighausen

Meeting called to order by Chair Colt Chambers at 1:02 pm

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting made by Linda Nicholson, second by Joanne Chesler. Minutes approved.

Georgia Department of Economic Development staff members Mary Waters and Sydne Smith introduced themselves and welcomed the Council.

GCA Chair Colt Chambers thanked the Council members whose terms have ended, including Gladys Wyant, Maxine Burton and John White.

## Grants Update

- Allen Bell, Director of Grants and Research, gave an update on FY25 grants, including the number of grants applications that have been submitted for Bridge, Project and Arts Education Grants.

## State Art Collection/Traveling Exhibit Update

- Kenny Oaster, GCA Visual Arts Manager gave an update on dates and goals for the upcoming traveling art exhibit.

## Atlanta Arts Coalition

- Laura Hennighausen of Purpose Possible talked about potential ideas being discussed to address funding, marketing and advocacy for Atlanta area arts organizations.

## Arts Education Highlights

- Emily Yewell Volin, Arts Education Program Manager, highlighted several FY24 Arts Education grantees.

## Project & Vibrant Communities Highlights

- Tyrone Webb, Rural and Community Arts Manager, presented brief summaries of the types of projects that were funded by FY24 Project and Vibrant Community Grants.

## Additional Items

- Executive Director Tina Lilly discussed GCA's FY26 budget.
- Tina Lilly will send a poll out to set Council meeting dates and an orientation date for new Council members.
- Linda Nicholson reported on the Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities.

Motion to adjourn made by Linda Nicholson, second by Joanne Chessler Gross. All in favor.