



Arts Education & Access Fund  
Oversight Committee Public Meeting  
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 9 May 2024

**Location: Zoom**

**Attendees:**

AOC Members: Jenn Falco, Mark Wubbold, Hana Layson, Melanie Hernandez, Ruth Wikler, Frank Medrano, Ellen Thomas, Ilima Considine, Leah Faure, Jessica Lagunas

City of Portland Staff: Chariti Montez, Darion Jones, Dawn Issacs

Members of the Public: Kristen Brayson, Patte Sullivan

AOC and City Absences: Suzy Root (excused), Dunja Jennings (excused), Carlee Smith, Jeff Hawthorne (Out of Office)

**Call to Order at 6:05pm**

**1. Greetings/Introductions**

**2. Volunteer Month AOC Acknowledgement**

- a. Leah shared her experience attending the Portland City Council Meeting for Volunteer Appreciation. Volunteers from the AOC, Children's Levy, and Portland Parks and Recreation were honored.

**3. Public Comment**

- a. There was no public comment.

**4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

- a. Minutes approved.

**5. City Revenue Update**

- a. Revenue submitted a written report and offered to attend the meeting.
- b. TY 23 Collections were just due in April and Revenue will have a fuller report to provide at the July meeting.
- c. TY 22 Collections to date: \$10,128,728

## **6. Office of Arts and Culture Leadership Welcome**

- a. Chariti and Darion shared the ways arts impacted their own educations.
- b. Welcomed committee members to attend the Portland City Council meeting regarding the new cultural plan, Our Creative Future, on May 22.

## **7. Office of Arts and Culture Update**

- a. Written update provided.
- b. Dawn shared Jeff Hawthorne will continue to attend AOC meetings in his role as Arts Grants Manager. He was out of the office for today's meeting and provided an update on the grants in the written report.
- c. Dawn shared a link to the Student Voices section of the AEF webpage, which features videos of students speaking to the importance of arts education: <https://www.portland.gov/aeaf/student-voices>.
- d. The annual superintendents' meeting will be held on May 23.
- e. The AEF Teacher Advisory Group held their last meeting of the school year. During the meeting the provided feedback on the branding project and ideas for supporting educators.
  - i. Jenn noted that the teacher advisory group was a win and something the committee had suggested in the past.

## **8. AEF Teacher Advisory Group (ATAG) Update**

- a. Suzy Root, AOC liaison to the ATAG, was absent so no update given.

## **9. Letter to the AOC from Portland Public Schools**

- a. Jenn asked for feedback from the committee on the draft letter to Portland Public Schools shared in the meeting packet.
  - i. Committee member shared it was a strong letter, stating significant concerns, and wondered if the ask from Portland Public Schools could be stronger.
  - ii. Committee members discussed difference between FTE and caseload.
  - iii. Darion shared appreciation for the work of the group.
  - iv. Dawn shared working across the districts to create a common understanding of high-quality arts education will be central to her work in SY 24-25.
  - v. Jenn shared the intention of the letter is to advocate and build bridges at the same time.
- b. Committee voted to send the letter to Portland Public Schools. Jenn will send the letter and keep the committee updated on any response.

## **10. 2023-2024 AOC Report to Council**

- a. 23/24 AOC Report Writing Work Group:
  - i. Jenn Falco, Chair
  - ii. Hana Layson, Vice Chair
  - iii. Ellen Thomas, Executive Committee Member
  - iv. Mark Wubbold, Executive Committee Member

v. Dunja Marcum, Member

**11. Next Steps/Other Agenda Items**

a. None

**12. Close**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:44pm