STATE CAPITOL PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DEC. 16, 2021; 3:00 P.M.
OKLAHOMA STATE CAPITOL BUILDING
SENATE CONFERENCE RM. 4S.9
2300 N. LINCOLN BLVD.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73105

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chip Mullens Lou Kerr
Nancy Leonard Duane Mass
Bruce Fisher Chris Morriss
Deena Fisher James Pickel
C.J. Cavin Dan Ross
Doug Kellogg

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jonathan Fowler
Mariana Lloyd
Charles Moore

GUESTS: Beverly Hicks, OMES
Karl Kramer, Attorney General’s office
Amber Sharples, OK Arts Council, Executive Director
Dr. Alan Atkinson, OK Arts Council
Jarica Walsh, OK Arts Council

1. Announcement of filing of the meeting notice and posting of the agenda in accordance with the Open Meeting Act: [Chip Mullens, Chairman]

Ms. Hicks confirmed that the meeting complied with the Open Meeting Act.

2. Determination of quorum and call to order: [Chair]

Chairman Chip Mullens called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was established. Chairman Mullens was advised a meeting notice was filed with the Secretary of State and an agenda posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

3. Discussion and possible action on meeting minutes of October 21, 2021: [Chair]

C.J. Cavin moved to approve the meeting minutes for October. Duane Mass seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Cavin, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Ms. Fisher, yes; Mr. Kellogg, yes; Ms. Kerr, yes; Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morriss, yes; Mr. Mullens, yes; Mr. Pickel, yes; Mr. Ross, yes.
4. Discussion and possible action on amending the meeting minutes of March 16, 2021: [Chair]

Agenda item 5, was amended for clarification of record to identify select artists next to their works.

Dan Ross moved to approve the amendment of the meeting minutes for March. Duane Mass seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Cavin, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Ms. Fisher, yes; Mr. Kellogg, yes; Ms. Kerr, yes; Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morriss, yes; Mr. Mullens, yes; Mr. Pickel, yes; Mr. Ross, yes.

5. Discussion and possible action on review and approval of relocation of re-installation of artworks on the First Floor of the Governor’s Mansion: [James Pickel, Dr. Alan Atkinson, Director of Visual Arts and Capitol Collections]

Commissioner Pickel reported that the Governor’s Mansion, First Floor is a public space that is under the purview of this Commission. The items listed were installed with a mixture of original artworks and prints.

Dr. Atkinson reported and presented the following artworks on the first floor of the Governor’s Mansion:

1. North Hallway: Four 18th Century prints of famous Kings (Friends of the Mansion, (FOM)
2. First Lady’s Office: 18th Century decorative prints of figures and architecture (FOM)

   First Lady’s Office: The Revered John Atkinson by Gilbert Stuart (1755 – 1828) (FOM)
4. Dining Room: Noonday Pause by W. Witherington, Blackfeet War Ponies by R. Thomas, and Old Houses by R. Curry. All artwork is from the Friends of the Mansion.
5. Library: Buffalo Hunt by Bob Thomason
7. Oklahoma Room: Springtime at the Mansion by Kenny McKenna (OMES/State of Oklahoma), Panhandle Strays by James Boren (FOM), Oklahoma State Capitol print by Greg Burns

The Art Standards Committee voted unanimously to approve and recommend relocation and reinstallation of artworks on the First Floor of the Governor’s Mansion to be approved by the Commission.

James Pickel moved to approve all locations and pieces that had been relocated. Nancy Leonard seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Cavin, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Ms. Fisher, yes; Mr. Kellogg, yes; Ms. Kerr, yes; Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morriss, yes; Mr. Mullens, yes; Mr. Pickel, yes; Mr. Ross, yes.

6. Discussion and possible action on review and approval of final design concepts for select artworks: [James Pickel and Dr. Alan Atkinson, Director of Visual Arts and Capitol Collections]
Commissioner Pickel reported that the select artists have already been approved and chosen by this commission and the time has come for the final design concepts of their select artworks to be approved.

Dr. Atkinson reported and presented on the following artists for select artworks for review of final design concepts:

1. **Ground Floor Rotunda:**
   1) *Labor Omnia Vincit* Mural by Lucas Simmons

2. **First Floor:**
   2) Clara Luper Bronze bust by LaQuincey Reed

3. **2nd Floor, East Side:**
   *Cultural Treasures*
   3) Portrait of Doc Tate Nevaquaya by Nocona Burgess

The Art Standards Committee voted unanimously to approve and recommend these final design concepts for select artworks to be approved by the Commission.

James Pickel moved to approve these final design concepts. Nancy Leonard seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Cavin, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Ms. Fisher, yes; Mr. Kellogg, yes; Ms. Kerr, yes; Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morriss, yes; Mr. Mullens, yes; Mr. Pickel, yes; Mr. Ross, yes.

7. **Discussion and possible action on review and approval of loans of select artworks to the Art in Public Places Project at the Oklahoma State Capitol:** [James Pickel, Dr. Alan Atkinson, Director of Visual Arts and Capitol Collections and Jarica Walsh, Director of Art in Public Places]

Commissioner Pickel informed that there will be select artworks to be borrowed to fill in spaces in places that other participating collection bodies are not able to provide from their collections what is needed in spaces that are conforming with that area. The loans of select artworks are coming from the Oklahoma History Center and the 45th Infantry Division.

Dr. Atkinson reported and presented on the following four selected artworks to be loaned from the Oklahoma Historical Society and the 45th Infantry Division Museum:

Busts loaned to the state from the Oklahoma Historical Society:

1. Hall of Heroes, Supreme Court Hallway: Admiral Jocko Clark
2. Hall of Heroes, Supreme Court Hallway: General William S. Key
3. Treasure’s Hallway: Robert L. Owen

Painting loaned to the state from the 45th Infantry Division Museum:


The Art Standards Committee voted unanimously to approve the loans and recommend for these select artworks to be approved by the Commission.

James Pickel moved to approve these pieces to be borrowed. C.J. Cavin seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Cavin, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Ms. Fisher, yes; Mr. Kellogg, yes; Ms. Kerr, yes; Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morriss, yes; Mr. Mullens, yes; Mr. Pickel, yes; Mr. Ross, yes.

8. Discussion and possible action to appoint Charles Moore as a member of the Art Standards Committee: [James Pickel]

James Pickel moved to approve Mr. Moore as a member of the Art Standards Committee. C.J. Cavin seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Cavin, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Ms. Fisher, yes; Mr. Kellogg, yes; Ms. Kerr, yes; Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morriss, yes; Mr. Mullens, yes; Mr. Pickel, yes; Mr. Ross, yes.

9. Collections Manager Report: [Dr. Alan Atkinson, Director of Visual Arts and Capitol Collections] Dr. Atkinson had nothing to report at this time.

10. Chair Updates and discussion:

Commissioner Ross reported that the repairs and updates to the Governor’s Mansion have been completed.

Commissioner Mass encouraged members to check out the new exterior lighting system at the Capitol that has different lighting modes to depict different schemes for certain occasions. He recommended during the evening time, preferably right after dusk to view the Capitol when the lighting displays the sunset mode.

He also suggested for the members to go view the beautiful area where the old Lt. Governors office space used to be located.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, C.J. Cavin made the motion to adjourn. Dan Ross seconded the motion. Seeing no opposition, the meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.