

**STATE CAPITOL PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEB. 16, 2023; 3:00 P.M.  
OKLAHOMA STATE CAPITOL BUILDING  
SENATE CONFERENCE ROOM 4S.9  
2300 N. LINCOLN BLVD.  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73105**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Nancy Leonard	Deena Fisher	Duane Mass
Aaron Cooper	Brent Gibson	Janet Morrow
Bruce Fisher	Keith Jones	Victor Pozadas, Sr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Cliff Branan	Lou Kerr	Charles Moore
C.J. Cavin	Chip Mullens	

**GUESTS:**

Beverly Hicks, OMES  
Karl Kramer, OAG  
Amber Sharples, Exec. Dir. of OAC  
Jarica Walsh, OAC

Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) ♦ Oklahoma Arts Council (OAC) ♦ Oklahoma Attorney General Office (OAG)

**1. Announcement of filing of the meeting notice and posting of the agenda in accordance with the Open Meeting Act:** [Nancy Leonard, Chair]

Chair Nancy Leonard was advised that notice for this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State, and an agenda was posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

Ms. Leonard introduced and welcomed new member Victor Pozadas to the commission.

**2. Call to order, Roll Call, and Determination of Quorum:** [Chair]

Chair Nancy Leonard called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

**3. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the minutes of the special meeting held on January 19, 2023:**

Deena Fisher moved to approve the meeting minutes for January. Janet Morrow seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Cooper, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Ms. Fisher, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mr. Jones, yes;  
Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morrow, yes; Mr. Pozadas, yes.

**4. Discussion and possible action to accept the painting commissioned by the Art in Public Places project of the Oklahoma State Capitol, *Making Her Mark* by Sara Scribner, into the Capitol Art Collection and the Oklahoma Public Art Collection:** [Deena Fisher, Jarica

Walsh, Director of Visual and Public Art]

The Commission approved the project on December 17, 2020; the artist selection on October 21, 2021; and the design concept on February 17, 2022.

Ms. Walsh reported that the Commission met in January and approved the authorization of installation of the *Making Her Mark* lunette mural, including the four individual paintings of the ladies in the mural by Sara Scribner, commissioned by the Art in Public Places (AIPP) project by the Oklahoma State Capitol that was installed and placed on February 1 and 2, 2023, on the second floor of the Capitol in the new Hall of Governors.

Ms. Walsh requests permission from the Commission to accession the artwork into both the Capitol Art Collection and the Oklahoma Public Art Collection as it is a project of the Capitol AIPP.

Commissioner Deena Fisher reported that the Art Standards Committee met before the meeting and recommended that the Commission approve the accessioning of the artwork by Sara Scribner into the Capitol Art Collection and the Oklahoma Public Art Collection.

Duane Mass moved to approve and authorize the installation and accessioning of the artwork, *Making Her Mark*, by Sara Scribner, into the Capitol Art Collection and the Oklahoma Public Art Collection. Victor Pozadas seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Cooper, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Ms. Fisher, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mr. Jones, yes;  
Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morrow, yes; Mr. Pozadas, yes.

**5. Discussion and possible action to authorize the installation of artwork commissioned by the Art in Public Places project of the Oklahoma State Capitol, *Labor Omnia Vincit* (Southwest) by Lucas Simmons:** [Deena Fisher, Jarica Walsh, Director of Visual and Public Art]

Ms. Walsh reported that the southwest panel on the ground floor rotunda suite connects to the Oklahoma state motto, *Labor Omnia Vincit*, and this panel mainly focuses on agriculture.

Ms. Walsh requests permission from the Commission to approve the installation of the artwork by the Art in Public Places project. The plan for installation is in late March 2023.

Commissioner Fisher reported that the Art Standards Committee met before the meeting and recommended that the Commission approve and authorize the installation of the artwork in the Capitol.

Duane Mass moved to approve and authorize the installation of the *Labor Omnia Vincit* (Southwest) artwork by Lucas Simmons into the Capitol. Bruce Fisher seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Cooper, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Ms. Fisher, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mr. Jones, yes;  
Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morrow, yes; Mr. Pozadas, yes.

**6. Discussion and possible action to approve the revised Capitol Art Reinstallation Plan. [Deena Fisher, Jarica Walsh, Director of Visual and Public Art]**

Ms. Walsh reported on a few proposed revisions to the Capitol Reinstallation Plan last presented to the Commission on November 16, 2022.

Ms. Walsh requests permission from the Commission to install the Chief Standing Bear bronze sculpture by Orelan C. Joe to be displayed on a pedestal on the ground floor new Visitor Entrance near the Caddo pot and the benches.

Ms. Walsh introduced to the members the creation of the Aerospace and Aviation corridor as a new thematic area on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor public spaces north hall. This area was chosen to honor this important part of Oklahoma's economy, the Aerospace and Aviation Industry. She requests permission from the Commission to install the following three portraits in the new area of the 4th-floor north corridor:

- General Thomas Stafford by Mike Wimmer,
- Pearl Carter Scott by Christopher Nick, and
- Gordon Cooper by David Phillip Wilson. The loan of the portrait of Gordon Cooper from the Oklahoma History Center was brought to the Commission in November 2022 and intended to be placed in the Hall of Heroes on the second floor. Still, it fits better in the newly created Aerospace and Aviation corridor. It was reviewed and approved by the House of Representatives leadership.

Ms. Walsh also updated the members that the portrait of Frank Phillips has already been installed on the Senate side of the Aerospace and Aviation north corridor hallway and will stay in place.

Commissioner Deena Fisher reported that the Art Standards Committee met before the meeting and recommended that the Commission approve the revised reinstallation plan.

Deena Fisher moved to approve the revised reinstallation plan presented. Bruce Fisher seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Cooper, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Ms. Fisher, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mr. Jones, yes;  
Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morrow, yes; Mr. Pozadas, yes.

**7. Collections Manager Report: [Jarica Walsh, Director of Visual and Public Art]**  
**a. Update on the Capitol Re/Installation Project:**

Ms. Walsh reported this week that the bronze bust of Governor Stitt was installed and temporarily located in the public reception area of his office suite on view to the public. The busts of the previous governors are expected to be moved to the Hall of Governors at the end of February.

Ms. Walsh announced the February 22, 2023 dedication ceremony of the lunette mural “Making Her Mark” by Sara Scribner, hosted and partnered with the Oklahoma Women’s Legislative Caucus and the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women in the Hall of Governors area on the second floor.

Ms. Walsh informed that they are working on rotating out the capitol galleries and are near completion of the two galleries on the first floor, North and East, and the Governor’s Gallery. A reception for the galleries is on March 2, 2023, from 4 – 6 p.m.

Ms. Walsh announced on March 6, 2023, is Bob Wills Day at the Capitol at 1- 5 p.m. in the second-floor rotunda, hosted by the Oklahoma Arts Council. and the Oklahoma Historical Society.

Report only. No action taken.

**8. Chair Updates and Discussion:**

- a. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> dedication ceremony of new lunette mural “Making Her Mark” by Sara Scribner:**
- b. Possible presentation and/or discussion on the ongoing state Capitol Building construction and Governor’s mansion construction:**

Mr. Mass updated the member on the exterior modifications around the Capitol and is hoping everything is completed by October 2023.

No action taken.

**9. Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Deena Fisher made the motion to adjourn. Duane Mass seconded the motion. Seeing no opposition, the meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.