

**Capitol Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2024, 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol Building,
Senate Conference Room 4S.9
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nancy Leonard	Keith Jones	Trait Thompson
Cliff Branan	Duke Ligon	Nathan Wald
Aaron Cooper	Kristie Buergler	
Brent Gibson	Victor Pozadas, Sr.	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

C.J. Cavin
Duane Mass

GUESTS:

Beverly Hicks, OMES	Rep. Mark McBride
Karl Kramer, OAG	Matthew Radcliffe, MA Architects
Amber Sharples, OAC	Jarica Walsh, OAC
Sen. Brenda Stanley	Christina Naruszewicz, 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 welcomed new member Kristie Buergler, Chair of the Oklahoma Arts Council, to the Commission.

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

Ms. Leonard called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

3. Welcome/Introductions:

Chairwoman Leonard welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

4. Discussion and possible action on approval of meeting minutes from June 20, 2024. [Chair]

Duke Ligon moved to approve the meeting minutes for June. Nathan Wald seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Cooper, aye; Mr. Gibson, aye; Ms. Buegler, aye; Mr. Jones, aye; Mr. Ligon, aye; Mr. Pozadas, aye; Mr. Thompson, aye; Mr. Wald, aye; Ms. Leonard, aye.

5. Discussion and possible action on approval of preliminary design documents of State Capitol Arch, as prepared by the State Capitol Architect pursuant to HB 4012. [Nathan Wald, Co-Chair of Architecture and Grounds Committee, Administrator of Capital Assets Management OMES, and Matthew Radcliffe, AIA of Mass Architects]

Mr. Radcliffe from Mass Architects provided the members with an updated version of the preliminary design documents for the State Capitol Arch and gave a brief recap of the project status.

The Architecture and Grounds Committee met prior to the meeting and recommended approval.

Nathan Wald moved to approve the preliminary design documents of the State Capitol Arch. Trait Thompson seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Brannan, aye; Mr. Cooper, aye; Mr. Gibson, aye; Ms. Buegler, aye; Mr. Jones, aye; Mr. Ligon, aye; Mr. Pozadas, aye; Mr. Thompson, aye; Mr. Wald, aye; Ms. Leonard, aye.

Commissioner Cliff Branan entered the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

6. Discussion and possible action on approval of a contract with and prepared by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES), the entity tasked with completing construction projects for the State Capitol, to construct the State Capitol Arch. OMES, Construction, and Properties (CAP) will use current state contracting methods for awarding contracts for construction and the subsequent administration of the contract for construction. [Nathan Wald, Co-Chair of Architecture and Grounds Committee (A&G), Administrator of Capital Assets Management OMES, and Trait Thompsons, A&G member, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society]

At the meeting, commission members received a draft copy of the interagency agreement with and prepared by OMES, the entity responsible for completing construction projects for the State Capitol to construct the State Capitol Arch.

Commissioner Trait Thompson stated that the Capitol Preservation Commission (CPC), established in 1982, has always functioned as an approval body rather than an administrative one. This means the CPC has no authority to issue contracts or pay invoices, nor does it possess the expertise to judge whether a project meets state specifications – responsibilities that fall to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.

Mr. Thompson spoke with Commissioner Nathan Wald, Administrator of OMES Capital Assets Management. They agreed that the best way to address this issue while honoring the spirit of the legislation (HB 4012) passed this year would be to integrate the CPC into an interagency

agreement with OMES. This would allow OMES to utilize its expertise in vetting contracts, monitoring finances, and ensuring that work meets expected quality standards. Meanwhile, the CPC would retain its role as the approval authority, meaning that as designs are finalized, they will still come to the CPC for approval. OMES would handle responsibilities such as ensuring timely payments to construction companies – tasks that the CPC is not equipped to manage.

Chairwoman Leonard allowed the Commission members time to review the document before proceeding to a vote.

After reviewing the agreement, a discussion took place among the members and the Commission’s attorney. It was decided to add the suggested language, ‘Or at the request of the Chair of the CPC,’ to item 7 under ‘Meetings and Reports’ on page 3 of the proposed agreement. This addition would allow the Chair to request information between board meetings without needing a formal vote from the CPC. Additionally, it was agreed to strike item 8, the section titled ‘Commission Responsibilities’ from page 3 of the document.

Trait Thompson moved to approve the interagency agreement with said changes. Nathan Wald seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Brannan, aye; Mr. Cooper, aye; Mr. Gibson, aye; Ms. Buergher, aye; Mr. Jones, aye; Mr. Ligon, aye; Mr. Pozadas, aye; Mr. Thompson, aye; Mr. Wald, aye; Ms. Leonard, aye.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the schedule of meetings for 2025 at 3 p.m. [Chair]

Feb. 20	Jun. 19	Oct. 16
Apr. 17	Aug. 21	Dec. 18

Trait Thompson moved to approve the 2025 meeting schedule. Nathan Wald seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Brannan, aye; Mr. Cooper, aye; Mr. Gibson, aye; Ms. Buergher, aye; Mr. Jones, aye; Mr. Ligon, aye; Mr. Pozadas, aye; Mr. Thompson, aye; Mr. Wald, aye; Ms. Leonard, aye.

8. Collections Manager Report [Christina Naruszewicz, Director of Collections Management] Update on the Capitol Re/Installation Project.

Ms. Naruszewicz provided a brief report on project updates, informing members that the permanent stanchions were installed and completed in July on the ground, second, and fourth-floor Rotundas. She announced that the tiled artwork, “The Resonating Memory of Red Earth” by artist Anita Fields, which the Commission accessioned in their previous meeting, was officially installed on the ground-floor visitor entrance atrium.

Report only. No action was taken.

9. Chair Updates and Discussion:

Possible presentation and/or discussion on the ongoing state capitol building

construction and Governor’s mansion construction:

There were no reports presented at this time.

No report—no action taken.

10. Adjournment:

There being no further business, Aaron Cooper moved to adjourn. Victor Pozadas seconded the motion. Seeing no opposition, the meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.