

# TENNESSEE CRAFT

## Governing Board Meeting February 9, 2025; 10:30 AM – 1:00PM CST Appalachian Center for Craft, Smithville, TN MINUTES

**10:35AM**      **CALL TO ORDER**      JoEl Levy LoGiudice

**10:36AM**      **ROLL CALL**      Kim Waag

### **Board Members Present**

Susan Mulcahy  
JoEl Levy LoGiudice  
Kelly Hider  
Dick Markus  
Paige Ward Moore  
Louise Nuttle  
Keith Biggs  
Audry Deal-McEver  
Richard Dwyer  
Jennifer Gagliardi  
Donna Glassford  
Jonathan Harwell-Dye  
Sherri Warner Hunter

### **Present Continued**

Ashley Lusietto  
Denise Miller  
Pat Moody  
Ben Paty  
Patricia Schwarz  
Patrick Green

### **Excused Absence**

Reneau Dubberley  
Erin Anfinson  
Julie Boisseau-Craig  
Carlton Wilkinson  
Donna Woodley

**10: 36 am**      Acknowledge in the minutes the board ballot results      JoEl Levy LoGiudice

Sue Mulcahy, Governing Board President  
James “Keith” Biggs, Member at Large  
Audry Deal-McEver, Member at Large  
Sherri Warner Hunter, Member at Large  
Jennifer Gagliardi, Member at Large  
Ashley Lusietto, Member at Large  
Dick Markus, Governing Board Co-Vice President  
Louise Nuttle, Governing Board Co-Treasurer

Acknowledge in minutes the 2025 Chapter Board  
Representatives

JoEl Levy LoGiudice

Richard Dwyer, Northeast Chapter Representative  
Patrick Green, Plateau Chapter Representative  
Ben Paty, Midstate Chapter Representative

and that Sherrie Wilson has stepped down from the position of East Chapter Representative and this position is currently vacant. Terri Ritter has stepped down from the position of Plateau Chapter Representative, which is now held by Ben Paty.

Acknowledge in minutes the 2025 Lifetime Honorary Members

JoEl Levy LoGiudice

Bill Griffith  
Linda M. Nutt  
Tom Turnbull

**10: 39 am     Announce Presence of Quorum**

**10:40am**     Passing of the Gavel                             JoEl Levy LoGiudice, Board Past President

JoEl is applauded for her service as Board President and the Gavel is passed to new Board President, Sue Mulcahy. Welcome Sue!

**10:42am**     Approval of November 2024 Board Meeting Minutes     All

**Motion and Vote to accept November 2024 Minutes**

Kelly Hider motions. JoEl Levy LoGiudice seconds.

*All approved.*

**10:43am**     Donor Thank You Card Session                             All

Sue reviews goals and details of Donor Thank You Card Session and opens the session.

**11:17am**     Presidents Report     Sue Mulchay

Sue directs board to review President's report.

**Motion and vote on Nov/Dec board.**

Richard Dwyer motions. Jennifer Gagliardi seconds.

*All approved.*

**11:18am**     Executive Director's Report                             Kim Waag

Kim directs board to review Executive Director's report.

**Motion and vote to approve ED Report.**

JoEl Levy LoGiudice motions. Pat Moody seconds.

All approved.

**11:19am** Treasurer's Report

Louise Nuttle

See *Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2024*, for first 2 quarters of the FY. There are discrepancies in this report that Louise addressed in the meeting. Discussion on discrepancies take place. Board members will be able to see the updated and corrected *Statement Financial Position* statement that will be uploaded in the Board Folder soon with corrections.

Discussion ensues about timeline and status of the FY25 operating grant from Metro Arts Nashville.

Louise brings info from Reneau on Fair Numbers. (Kim has corroborated)

Comparison of Fair Activities Minus Payroll for 2018 vs. 2024.

\$110,088.91	2024 fair cost minus labor
\$74,966.02	2018 fair cost minus labor
\$35,122.89	Fair increase in expense
\$251,420.19	2018 fair income
\$245,261.81	2024 fair income
-\$6,158.38	fair income decrease

Discussion ensues. There have been a variety of variables that have caused this gap. Board is encouraged to go back and review the research that solved some of these challenges that the Fair Committee has done in previous years that is in the Board Folder.

While the adjustments to the budget that has taken place through staff reductions have helped us. There could be challenges we face based on fair research Reneau brought to us. This is all pending Spring Fair performance. Call for the organization and board to strive to get more sponsorships for the fair.

Call for the board to think about succession plans in staff. Think about how to increase income to establish a Fair Director.

Sue and Kim invite the board to join in on the Finance Committee meetings if they have specific questions, they would like to ask the Finance Committee or even just to learn more about the specifics of our financial position. If you would like to do that, you can contact Kim, Reneau, and Louise and join in on those meetings. *Next Finance Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 26 @ 4:00 CST*

**Motion and vote to accept Treasurer's Report**

Sherri Warner Hunter motions. Audry Deal-McEver seconds.

*All approved.*

**Motion and vote to accept Investment Report**

Richard Dwyer motions. JoEl Levy LoGiudice seconds.

*All approved.*

**12:18pm** Consent Agenda: Quarterly Chapter and Committee Reports

Sue asks for consent to these reports as a batch. JoEl passes around the Special Projects Ad Hoc Committee Report in case board had trouble accessing the report in the board folder.

**Motion and vote to accept Chapter and Committee Reports**

Jennifer Gagliardi motions. Richard Dwyer seconds.

*All approved.*

**12:22pm** Board Commitments

Sue Mulcahy

Kim requests to have the Board Commitment forms completed online and submitted by: **February 21, 2025.**

In this form, Board Members are required to select the 2 committees that they would like to serve on. The Community Engagement and Outreach Committee will be restructured to include Marketing and Membership based on discussions in the strategic plan breakout groups so look for that change when signing up for committees. Some committees have the chair seat vacant so Sue will be reaching out to board members and asking them to serve as the chair of those committees.

**12:31pm** Board Conflict of Interest Policy

Kim Waag

Kim requests to have this completed online and submitted by: **February 21, 2025.**

**12:32pm** TN Specialty License Plate Program Presentation Kim Waag

**12:36pm** New Business: Chapters & Other

Sue Mulcahy

Board member asks the board to reconsider going back to the name TACA rather than Tennessee Craft.

Discussion ensues.

Kim points out that on all our legal documents, we are identified as Tennessee Association of Craft Artists; hence we are still the initials TACA, and we list DBA (Doing Business As) as Tennessee Craft. More tenured board members share some of the history behind the perceived change from TACA to Tennessee Craft.

Board member requests to create a discussion group or Ad Hoc Committee to do more research and gather information from our member base on the TACA idea.

**1:00pm**      Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn.**

Patricia Schwarz motions. Audrey Deal-McEver seconds.

*All approved.*

**Next scheduled Governing Board meetings:**

*June 14, 2025, Virtual*

*August 16, 2025, Virtual*

*November 15, 2025, General Membership Meeting, Virtual*

Minutes respectfully prepared by:

Paige Ward Moore, Secretary

*M. Paige Ward Moore*

Submitted: February 25, 2025



Susan Mulcahy, Governing Board President