

BCA Special Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 24, 2:00 pm
Held via Zoom

Advisory Board of Directors Voting Members: Michelle Buswell, Livia DeMarchis (absent), Billi Gosh, Lisa Lillibridge, Laura McDonough, Bryan Parmelee, Kristina Pentek, Robin Pierce (absent), Lori Rowe, Sarah Rogers, Parker Silver (absent), Patrick Shank (absent), Deb Wilkinson

Honorary non-voting board members present: Rachel Kahn-Fogel, Barbara Perry, Dana vanDerhayden

BCA Foundation Board Members: Jeff Glassberg, Doug Griswold, Julie Won

Staff present: Abra Clawson, Heather Ferrell, John Flanagan, Lauren Genta, Sara Katz, Doreen Kraft, Ted Olson, Elena Rosen, Melissa Steady, Kiersten Williams

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM. Deb Wilkenson made a motion to accept the agenda, Kristina Pentek seconded, and all were in favor.
2. Public Forum: Courtney Lamdin, a reporter for Seven Days introduced herself.
3. Mayor Emma Mulvaney-Stanek discussed the results of the efficiency study and the new ModernGov initiative. Lori Rowe, Doug Griswold, Deb Wilkenson, Michelle Buswell, Jeff Glassberg, and Bryan Parmelee shared their support for maintaining BCA's Executive Director position, emphasizing how critical this role is to BCA's ability to fundraise 55% of its budget. There was discussion of the key role BCA's arts programming plays in making Burlington a livable community and contributing to improved public safety downtown.
4. At 2:47 pm Billi Gosh made a motion to enter executive session to discuss an applicant for the Board, Kristina seconded, and all were in favor. The Board exited executive session at 2:55 pm. The Board voted unanimously to accept the nominating committee's recommendation of Kelly Butts-Spirito for the Board
5. At 2:56 pm Kristina made a motion to adjourn, Billi seconded, and all were in favor.

BCA's mission is to nurture a dynamic environment through the arts that makes quality experiences accessible regardless of economic, social or physical constraints. We do this by:

Supporting and promoting Vermont artists and advancing the creation of new work

Offering a wide spectrum of arts education and engagement opportunities

Presenting exhibitions and events that place Burlington in a global context, promote critical dialogue and encourage local participation

Serving as the City of Burlington's cultural planner by making the arts integral to the area's economic and civic development, urban design, and livability.