

GEORGIA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS BY-LAWS

Article I

NAME The name of the Council shall be the Georgia Council for the Arts.

Article II

PRINCIPAL OFFICE The principal office of the Council shall be in the City of Atlanta, County of Fulton, State of Georgia. The Council may establish such other offices as its members may authorize and direct.

Article III

CORPORATE SEAL The seal of the Council shall be the seal of the State of Georgia with such appropriate modifications as shall have been approved by the Attorney General.

Article IV

MISSION STATEMENT Section 1. To encourage excellence in the arts, to support its many forms of expression, and to make the arts available to all Georgians.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL QUALIFICATIONS Section 2. Council members shall be appointed from among private citizens who are widely known for their competence and experience in connection with the arts and related creative industries, as well as their knowledge of community and state interests.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL Section 3. The council shall consist of nine members who shall be appointed by the Governor.

TERM OF MEMBERS Section 4. Council members shall serve two three-year terms. In addition to the nine members appointed by the Governor pursuant to this subsection, the Governor shall appoint two ex officio members from the General Assembly.

VACANCIES Section 5. The Governor shall fill any vacancies for unexpired terms.

OFFICERS Section 6. The officers of the Council shall be as follows:

Article V

CHAIRMAN The chairperson shall be appointed annually by the Governor for a term ending on June 30 of the year following

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such appointment. The chairperson shall be a person widely recognized for his or her knowledge, experience, and interest in the arts industry, as well as his or her knowledge of community and state interests.

Article VI

REGULAR AND ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

Section 1. The council shall meet annually upon the call of the chairperson, but not less often than twice during each fiscal year. Notice of time and place of all meetings will be delivered personally or by telephone or by electronic mail (or through such reasonable accommodation as is requested by a member), or sent by first-class mail or facsimile, or electronic mail addressed to each Council member at the Council member's address as it is shown on the records of the Council, at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

ATTENDANCE

Section 5. Attendance at Council meetings is critical to the work of the Council. It is expected that Council members who are unable to attend a scheduled meeting in person or by telecommunications conference will provide prior notice of a conflict to the Chairman. Any Member missing more than two meetings in succession without discussing the reason for the absence with the Chairperson will be presumed to have resigned from the Council. The Chairperson will then notify the Governor of the presumed resignation, after which the Governor may decide to accept or reject the resignation in accordance with Georgia law.

QUORUM VOTING

Section 6. A majority of the members appointed to the council shall constitute a quorum.

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Article VII

RULES, REGULATIONS,
AND POLICIES

The Rules contained in Robert's Rule or Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Council in all cases to which they are applicable.

Article IX

ESTABLISHMENT OF
BYLAWS

These by-laws are established pursuant O.C.G.A. Section 50-12-20 through 50-12-26.

AMENDMENT OF
BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Council by a vote of two-thirds of the appointed members, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to Council members at least thirty (30) days before the voting meeting.