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**ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOURTH MEETING
OF MASS CULTURAL COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024
NOON
IN-PERSON MEETING**

**NEW ENGLAND BOTANIC GARDEN AT TOWER HILL
11 FRENCH DRIVE
BOYLSTON, MA 01505**

**NOTE: THIS IS AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING AT THE ADDRESS NOTED ABOVE
AND WILL NOT BE LIVESTREAMED**

MEETING MATERIALS WILL BE POSTED ONLINE PRIOR TO THE MEETING

AGENDA

VOTE

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1. **Call to Order- Open Meeting Law Notice**
 - *Marc Carroll, Chair*
 - *David Slatery, Deputy Director (Open Meeting Law Notice)*
 2. **Welcome by Host Organization**
 - *Marc Carroll, Chair*
 - *Grace Chapman Elton, Executive Director, Tower Hill*
 3. **Video Welcome.** *Video welcome from Executive Branch to the new fully-constituted Council*
 4. **Minutes of 163rd Council Meeting** **X**
 - *Marc Carroll, Chair*
 - *David Slatery, Deputy Director (Reads the Roll)*

5. Chair Report

- Marc Carroll, Chair

6. Executive Director Report

- Michael Bobbitt, Executive Director

7. Public Affairs Report

- Bethann Steiner, Senior Director of Public Affairs

8. Business Operations Update

- Catherine Cheng-Anderson, Senior Director of Business Operations & CFO

9. Presentation: Creative Sector Inventory- Presentation from Diversity North**10. Program Operations Report**

- Jen Lawless, Senior Director of Program Operations

- a. Updates

- b. Reminder re Conflict of Interest Notifications

- c. Additional FY25 Grant and Program Recommendations **X**

- i. Organization Grants –
Cultural Investment Portfolio & Operating Grants for Organizations

- ii. Creative Projects for Schools

- iii. Festivals & Projects

- d. Designation of new Cultural Districts **X**

- i. Downtown Westfield Cultural District

- ii. Holyoke Puerto Rican Cultural District

- iii. Watertown Square Cultural District

11. Adjourn