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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**

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*
    - a. Executive Department Report
    - b. Equity Progress report
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. Festivals & Projects
      - iii. Creative Projects for Schools
    - d. Designation of new Cultural Districts **X**
      - i. Downtown Westfield Cultural District
      - ii. Holyoke Puerto Rican Cultural District
      - iii. Watertown Cultural District
11. **Adjourn**