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## **Greater Hartford Arts Council Launches Search for Next Leader**

**Hartford, CT** – The Greater Hartford Arts Council today announced the formal launch of an executive search to find its next CEO. The search is being conducted by TSNE and led by a Search Committee comprised of members of the Arts Council’s Board of Directors, including:

Christopher Delello, Chief Human Resources Officer, UCONN; Paul Guzzardi, Audit Director, Deloitte; Amanda Roy, Director of Community Impact, GHAC; Patricia Shirley; Janee Woods Weber, Executive Director at Connecticut Women’s Education and Legal Fund; T’Challa Williams, Founder, Hartford’s LIT.

“For more than 50 years, the Greater Hartford Arts Council has been an important community partner to residents, arts leaders, artists, and corporate and foundation leaders in our mutual efforts to promote a vibrant future for our region,” said search committee member and board president, Paul Guzzardi. “We are committed to a fully inclusive, regionally focused search to find and engage with a variety of candidates who are as diverse as the communities we serve.”

The search comes after the organization undertook a strategic planning process earlier this year. The process, which included feedback from more than 600 community members, arts leaders, artists and donors, concluded with a new Strategic Plan for the organization, as well as new mission and vision statements, and a refined set of organizational values.

### **Mission**

The Greater Hartford Arts Council exists to be a catalyst for the arts and promote an equitable arts ecosystem in Greater Hartford.

### **Vision**

Our vision is that the Greater Hartford region will be a thriving multi-cultural destination anchored by a diverse and innovative arts sector.

### **Values**

Our organization will be guided by our strongly held values of community, equity, leadership, creativity, accessibility and advocacy.

“In the last year, the Greater Hartford Arts Council has reflected on our past, listened to our community and debated our future,” said Karen Eisenbach, chair of the Board of Directors. “We are excited about the future of the Arts Council and look forward to finding a transformational leader to help take this organization through the next chapter of our service to the community.”

In recent months, TSNE and the search committee engaged with the community and the many constituencies of the Arts Council to develop a job description, which is now posted and can be found [here on TSNE's website](#). Individuals interested in applying for the position are encouraged to read the full description and submit the requested materials for consideration. The position will remain open until the right candidate is identified, however, expectation is that the new CEO will be named in early 2022.

Kate McOmber, who has served as Interim CEO since September 2020, will continue in that role until a permanent CEO is named. McOmber will remain with the organization in a Vice President capacity following the CEO appointment.

To learn more about Arts Council programs and services, visit [LetsGoArts.org](https://LetsGoArts.org). Funding for this search is provided by an Executive Transition Grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

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