

**CITY OF RENO
BOARD OR COMMISSION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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Name: Skye Snyder

Name of Board or Commission for which you would like to apply:

Reno Arts & Culture Committee

Home Address:

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Occupation and Business Address:

Job Title: Artist and Art Educator

Business Name: Skye Snyder Artistry

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Preferred Contact: *If appointed, the address, phone number and e-mail address you wish to use for your contact information.*

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How long have you been a resident of the City of Reno? 40+ years

Are you currently registered to vote in the City of Reno? Yes: No:

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor other than minor traffic violations? Yes: _____ No: X

If yes, please list conviction dates and nature: N/A

Education or Training Relevant to the board or commission to which you are applying:

I have been a private and public school art educator for over two decades and hold a Masters degree in Education, as well as a Bachelors in Art History and Anthropology. I have run a small business in the visual arts for over twenty years. As a public school teacher, I was the Department Chair for the Arts Department and attended many meetings regarding the development and direction of arts programs within schools.

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Explain briefly why you would like to be appointed to this board or commission. Please ^{arts programming} attach any additional information you wish:

After a long career in the visual arts, I am certain that arts education and opportunities to be exposed to the arts are critical for citizens of a city to be enriched by and engaged with their city.

Participating in the RACC is a way to give back to the city in the way I know best.

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Please see attached resumé.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information I provided in the application is true. If the information provided is false or incomplete, it shall be sufficient cause for disqualification or removal. If appointed, I agree to attend a board or commission orientation session, if applicable, within six months of my appointment. I understand that failure to comply with this requirement will result in automatic removal from the board or commission.

Signature: _____



Date: _____

2/14/24

Please Return the Application To:
City Clerks' Office, P.O. Box 7, Reno, NV 89504
Fax: 775-334-2432 e-mail: CityClerk@reno.gov

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**WAIVER OF NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER NRS 241.033(1)
TO ALLOW CITY COUNCIL TO
CONSIDER CHARACTER, MISCONDUCT, OR COMPETENCE
OF PERSON TO BE APPOINTED TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR OTHER
PUBLIC BODY FOR THE CITY OF RENO**

The City Council for the City of Reno will be considering on a future posted agenda your appointment to a board, commission or other public body for the City of Reno. Pursuant to NRS 241.033(1), in order to consider the professional competence of an applicant, notice need be provided to that person of the time and place of the meeting in compliance with such statutory provisions.

By signing below, it is confirmed that I have been provided notice of the meeting at which my appointment will be considered by City Council. Further, I knowingly and voluntarily am waiving my rights to all written notice requirements under NRS 241.033(1) pertaining to my qualifications, competence, and character to hold this appointment and consent to the evaluation of my character and competence by the Reno City Council in a public meeting.

Further, the undersigned acknowledges that he may at any time withdraw both this waiver and related application for appointment.

Dated this 14th day of February, 2024.

Name of Board, Commission or Other Public Body to which the undersigned is seeking

City Council's consideration: Reno Arts & Culture Commission
(Board/Commission/Public Body)

Signature of Applicant: _____

By: _____

SKYE SNYDER

(Printed Name of Applicant)

SKYE SNYDER

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SUMMARY

Educator with 20+ years experience mentoring students to develop their innovative, critical thinking skills, through authentic teacher/student partnerships and meaningful curriculum content. Student voice and choice are key components of my teaching pedagogy. As an artist, Environmental Art is my area of concentration and investigation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Small Business owner & artist offering creativity coaching for individuals and institutions Reno NV. - Present

Art Educator WCSD, Davidson Academy, Arts for All Nevada Reno NV. Aug. 2004 – Present

Education Curriculum Cohort for Art + Environment Exhibition at Nevada Museum of Art Oct. 2021 – Dec 2021

Online 2D Fine Art & Photography Instructor, McQueen High, Reno, NV (March 2020 – Present)

Fine Art & Photography Teacher, McQueen High, Reno, NV (Aug 2013 to Present)

Skye Snyder Artistry, Small Business Owner, Reno, NV (2003 – Present)

Elementary Art Teacher and Curriculum Specialist - Coral Academy of Science, Nevada (2012-13)

Digital Media, Photography, Design Teacher - Depoali Middle School, Nevada (2011-12)

English Teacher, Clayton Middle School (2003-04) and Depoali Middle School (2011-12)

Sexuality, Health, and Responsibility Education Program Teacher and Curriculum Specialist, WCSD (2004-2011)

Arts and Technology Teacher and Curriculum Designer - Brookfield Private K-8 School, Reno, NV (2002-2004)

Educator Highlights

- 18 consecutive years rated as a Highly Effective educator designing curriculum content in traditional as well as contemporary methods including Environmental and Data Arts
- Established reputation for authoring relevant, dynamic lesson plans, passionate instruction, and exceptional classroom management skills in grades K-12
- Commended for ability to develop authentic rapport with students and in motivating youth
- Delivered self-authored (a)synchronous art curriculum to 200 high school students daily
- Offered detailed, personalized, and prompt feedback on projects, assignments, and assessments to all students
- Provided standards-based instruction with emphasis on student choice and voice to a diverse learning population including SpEd, CLS, GATE, AP, EL, and at-risk learners
- Established professional relationships throughout the community as an exemplary educator creating experiences outside the classroom for K-12 and higher education art students
- Collaborated in Professional Learning Committees for site-based improvements and district-wide goals in teaching visual art practices
- Advised student-lead clubs focused on creating community, SEL, and opportunities for well-being.
- Designed integrative PC and Mac Tech + Art for over 400 students in grades K-8
- Developed digital media, photography, and design curriculum for over 400 K-8 students implemented at Brookfield Private and Depoali Middle schools using arts to enrich technological skills of 21st century learners
- Created summer camp programming raising off-season enrollment
- Attended national and local workshops, lectures, and conferences for professional and personal growth
- Recognized by the Scholastic Art Awards for student achievement in the top 1% in the nation 2020, 2019, 2017, 2016

• Leadership Roles in Education

- Fine Arts Department Chair at McQueen High School Reno, NV 2015-2018
- Lead committee meetings on research topics, technology workshops, art trends, and fundraising raising over \$50k for McQueen Arts Department during my tenure
- Presenter for Global Studies Fine Arts Signature Program expos to increase enrollment
- Lead district-wide professional development to educators on Common Core and the Arts, National and State Visual Arts Standards for all Washoe County School District art educators at the Nevada Museum of Art
- Tripled the AP Art program enrollment in one year
- Manage several monetary accounts for the purpose of spending district and student funds with a focus on frugality and creative resourcing to stretch the art budget
- Drafted several grants resulting in enrichment activities for students and increased access to technology for digital art and 21st century skills development
- Initiated and organized WCSD Art Educators group art exhibition, *Art Matters 2019*, at McKinley Art Center
- Lead numerous informative workshops for thousands of parents concerning sexuality and health education

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION & AFFILIATIONS

- State of Nevada K-8th Teaching Certification – Highly Qualified in Art, English, and Social Studies
- State of Nevada K-12th Specialty Teaching Endorsement in Art
- State of Arizona ESA Specialist Contractor – ELA & Visual Arts
- Master of Art in Education with Honors – University of Phoenix – Reno, Nevada Jan 2002 – May 2003
- Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in Art History and Anthropology – University of Nevada Reno 1992-1995
- Member of NAEA – National Art Educators Association
- Member of AEN – Art Educators of Nevada

RECOGNITIONS

- Nevada Arts Council Artist Grant recipient 2018
- Art Educator of the Year 2017, 2016 Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, Nevada
- Scholarship attendee for Art + Environment triennial conference, Nevada Museum of Art 2017, 2014, 2011
- Semi-Finalist - Mutual of Omaha Aha Moment nationwide commercial search discussing beauty myths
- “Full STEAM Ahead.” *How the Humanities Are Changing in the STEM Era*. KUNR Public Radio. April 23, 2019
- “Special Sauce- 2016 Teen Issue.” *Reno News & Review*. March 14, 2016
- Amanda Horn. “Reno Art Teacher’s Students Shine at the 2016 Scholastic Art Awards.” *Reno Gazette-Journal*, March 23, 2016
- Best Wedding Photographer in Nevada 2013 – *The Knot* Wedding Magazine

EXHIBITIONS

- *Once en Rosa* (1st place Animals), *Ruby* (Honorable Mention Children), *Quarantine in Brown* (Honorable Mention Objects), *Feast Waste* (Honorable Mention Series), International Phone Photography Awards (IPPA), Summer 2023
- *In Disarray*, Group Exhibition, Ferino Distillery, Reno, Nevada Feb 2023
- *Hi Dez*, Group Exhibition, The Holland Project, Reno, Nevada Dec 2023
- *The Goat, The Chicken, The Lamb*, Group Exhibition, The Brasserie, Reno, Nevada September 2022
- *Stampede* (Honorable Mention Landscapes), International Phone Photography Awards (IPPA), Summer 2022
- *Pop of Pink*, Group Exhibition, Craft, Reno, Nevada May 2022

- *Omens*, Group Exhibition, Clamp Art Gallery. New York City, March 2022
Indian Photo Festival, Hyderabad, India. Nov 2021 – Dec 2021
Brooklyn Street Festival, Brooklyn, New York. Nov 2021 - Dec 2021.
- *Flowers for Rousseau*, Group Exhibition, Foley Gallery. New York City June 2021
- *f l e s h*, Group Exhibition, Blank Wall Gallery. Athens, Greece June 2021
- *Mirage*, Group Exhibition, Laurent Gallery. Melbourne, Australia May 2021
- *Art Matters*. Group Exhibition, McKinley Arts & Culture Center. Reno, NV Sept 2019
- *Mobile Photography Now*. Group Exhibition, Columbus Museum of Art. Ohio, 2015
- *The Art of Food*. Group Exhibition, Feature Shoot Online Exhibition. July 2018

Professional References

- Pilar Biller – pbiller@washoeschools.net (775) 527-2709 8 years as Art educator colleagues
- Dane Meier – dmeier@washoeschools.net (775) 848-8671 8 years as Art educator colleagues
- Amanda Feehan – afeehan@washoeschools.net (775) 391-9181 8 years School Counselor and colleague