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To: President and Members of the City Council
From: Sean R. Reardon, Mayor
Date: February 12, 2024
Subject: Appointment

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval, the following named individual as a member of the Public Arts Committee. This term will expire on March 15, 2025.

Nicole Whelan
12 Lafayette Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

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[Nicole Whelan](#)

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January, 31, 2024

Christine Jackson

Executive Assistant to the Mayor

City of Newburyport

60 Pleasant Street

Newburyport, MA 01950

Dear Ms. Jackson

I am submitting this letter with the intent of joining the Public Art Committee upon approval of the Mayor and City Council.

As part of the Public Art Committee I will support the studying of the City's needs, possibilities, and resources in support of public art, and in making recommendations to the City Council with respect to the acquisition, or creation and placement of said art.

I currently serve as a Parks Commissioner. In terms of art experience, I was an art teacher in Boston Public Schools for 5 years. I earned a Bachelor of Fine Art from William Smith College in 1998, majoring in Fine Art and minoring in Art History. I earned a master's degree in Art Education from Lesley University in 2003. I've served as a board member on the Board of Educators at the Museum of Fine Arts from 2010-2014.

Sincerely,

Nicole Whelan

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NICOLE WHELAN

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EXPERIENCE

- 2002-present **Curtis Guild Elementary, East Boston, MA**
Data Team, Universal Design for Learning Team, School Site Council
Math Leadership Team, Instructional Leadership Team,
Lighthouse Team Facilitator, Math Facilitator/Lead Teacher
- 2008-present **Teacher, 4th Inclusion (SEI, Gen Ed.)**
- teach/have taught *Everyday Math, Engage NY Math, Investigations, Reading Street, Expeditionary Learning, Writers' Express, Writers' Workshop, History Alive*, as well as plan and implement supplemental lessons as needed to meet Massachusetts/Common Core State standards
 - design lessons for whole-group and small group with attention to needs of individual learners.
- 2002 - 2008 **Theater/Arts Teacher**
- created performances for all grade levels while guiding children to create props and choreography
 - designed and implemented the visual art curriculum for grades K-5
 - created lessons that incorporate literacy, motor-skill development and math skills
- 2002 - 2006 **Henderson Elementary School (formerly O' Hearn School), Dorchester, MA**
Arts Specialist
- created art lessons for grades K-0 through 5
 - served as Art Director for school performances; painting sets and creating props
 - created accommodated lessons for students with moderate to severe disabilities in inclusion setting
- 2004-2010 **Visual Thinking Strategies (Museum of Fine Arts), Boston, MA**
Site Coordinator
- trained to guide student conversations when viewing fine art as well as train teachers in the process.

EDUCATION & LICENSURE

- 2002 - 2004 **Lesley University, Cambridge, MA**
Masters of Education (Pre K-8)
- professional licensure, Visual Arts, PreK-8
 - initial licensure; Elementary, 1-6;
 - initial licensure; **English as a Second Language**, PreK-12
 - initial licensure; **Moderate Disabilities**, K-6 (pending completion of course work 6/15)
- 1994 - 1998 **William Smith College, Geneva, NY**
Bachelor of Arts: Studio Art, Writing (Independent) Dean's List: 1994, 1996, 1998
- Study Abroad: Advanced Studies in England/University College, Oxford, Bath, England, 1996

VOLUNTEER, RECOGNITION & CONTACT WORK

- 2010-2013 **Board of Educators, Museum of Fine Arts, Board Member**
- work with other educators from various districts to promote and develop educational connections between schools and the museum
- 2010-2018 **Frederick Sontag Prize for Urban Education, Award Winner (2010-2018)**
- awarded by Harvard Business School, Harvard Graduate School of Education and Boston Public Schools to share effective teaching strategies and conduct lessons during Acceleration Academies to prepare students for MCAS
- 2012 **Boston Public Schools Math Workgroups, Grade 4 Team member**
- co-wrote the Scope and Sequence for Boston Public Schools to connect current curriculum to new Common Core State Standards
- Summer 2012 **Consultant for the Writers Express Curriculum, Cambridge, MA**
- Advised curriculum developers regarding adaptations and accommodations for English Language Learners and students with special needs