

# 2025 ARTS & CULTURAL COMMISSIONERS

**PORTSMOUTH, NH** \_\_\_\_\_

OUR MISSION IS TO PRESERVE PORTSMOUTH'S CULTURAL IDENTITY AND CREATE A VIBRANT, INCLUSIVE, AND ACCESSIBLE ARTS COMMUNITY. WE'RE ACHIEVING THIS THROUGH THE PORTSMOUTH 2023 CULTURAL PLAN.



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COMMUNICATIONS WORKGROUP

# GENEVIEVE AICHELE

**ARTIST** 

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GENEVIEVE AICHELE IS A PROFESSIONAL THEATRE ARTIST AND CONSULTANT, THE FOUNDER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE THEATRE PROJECT, AND A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF PORTSMOUTH. SHE IS CURRENTLY THE 2024-26 ARTIST LAUREATE FOR THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.



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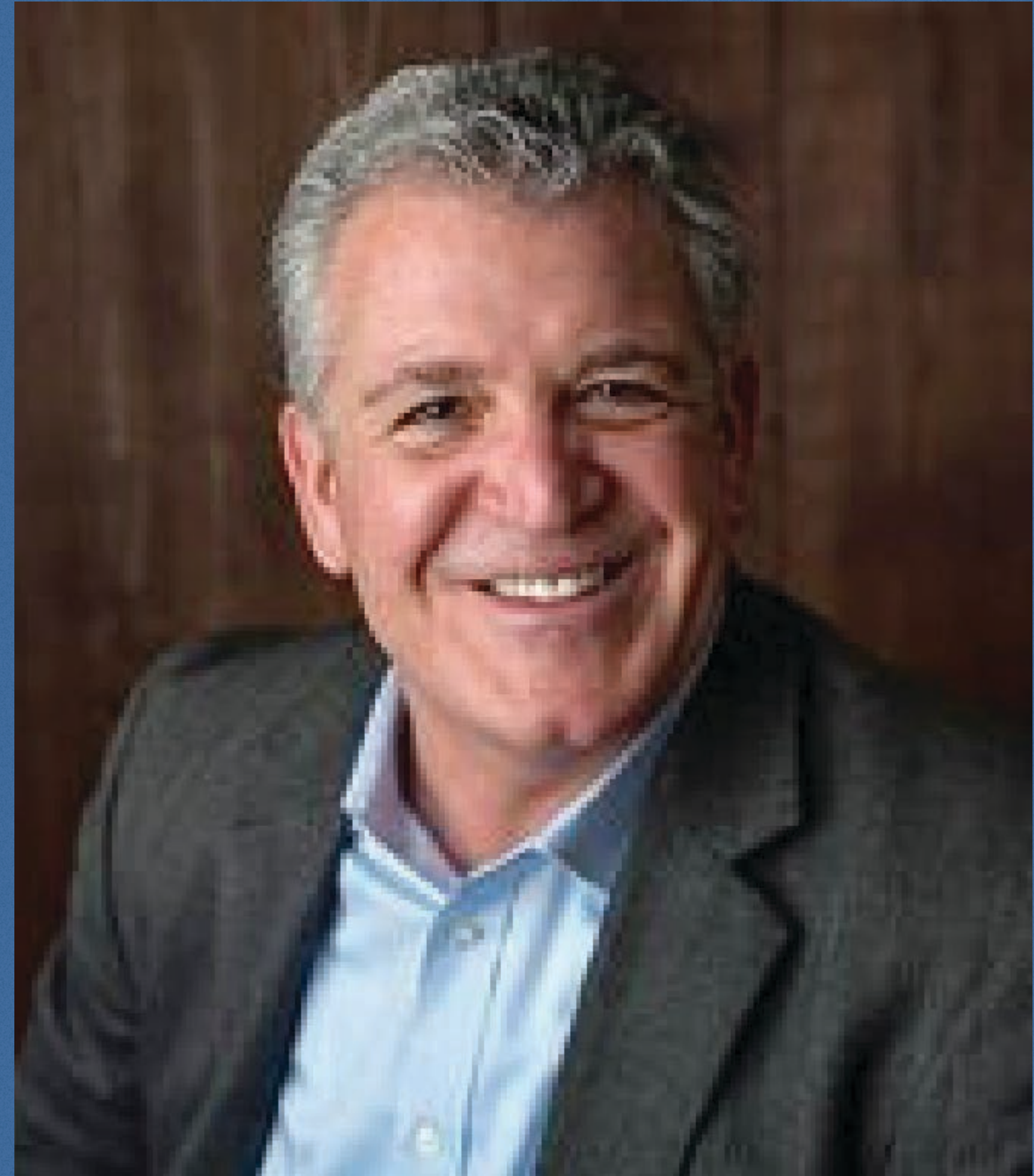


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STAFF LIASON

**SEAN  
CLANCY**

**ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER** —————  
**ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**



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# KATE COOK

**CITY COUNCIL** 

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A PATRON OF THE ARTS, KATE COOK IS A TWO-TERM CITY COUNCILOR WHO SERVES AS THE CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ARTS AND CULTURAL COMMISSION. SHE ALSO SERVES AS THE COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE PUBLIC ART REVIEW COMMITTEE, AS A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE AND ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND AS CHAIR OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE.



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SECRETARY

**JEFFREY  
COOPER**

**ARTIST** 

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JEFFREY COOPER IS A FURNITURE MAKER AND WOOD SCULPTOR LIVING AND WORKING IN PORTSMOUTH FOR OVER 4 DECADES, A MEMBER OF THE GUILD OF NH WOODWORKERS AND THE NH FURNITURE MASTERS ASSOCIATION. PAST YEARS JEFFREY HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT AND STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER OF PORTSMOUTH LISTENS AND THE DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT. HE IS NOW PUTTING THAT EFFORT INTO THE ART AND CULTURAL COMMISSION, WISHING TO HELP SUPPORT PORTSMOUTH'S VIBRANT CREATIVE COMMUNITY BE SUCCESSFUL AND ABLE TO LIVE AND WORK RIGHT HERE IN PORTSMOUTH AS HE HAS HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF DOING.



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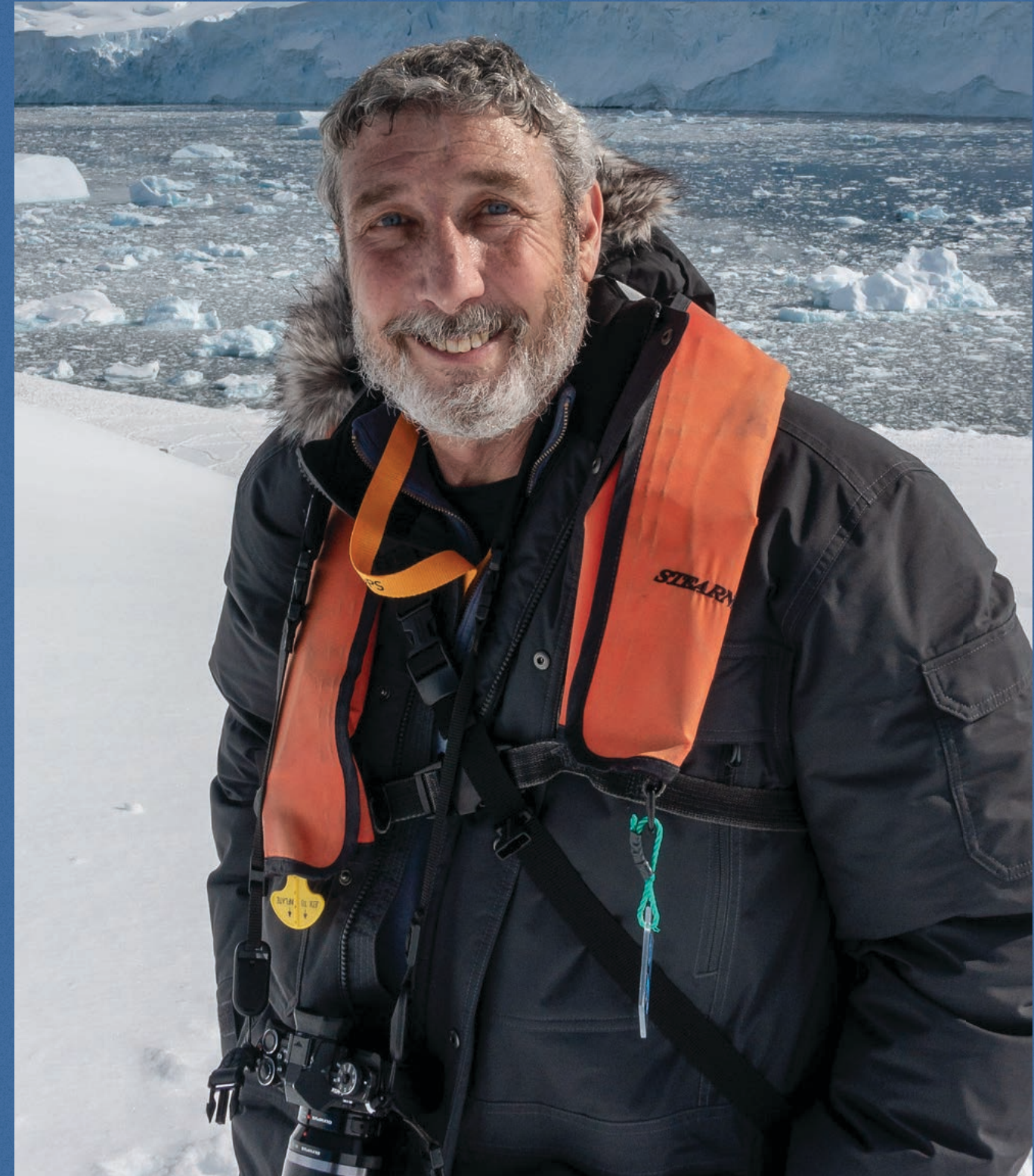
VICE CHAIR

**KEN  
GOLDMAN**

**ARTIST** 

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KEN IS A RETIRED ENGINEER, PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTIST, WRITER, AND TRAVELER LIVING IN PORTSMOUTH, NH. EVEN THOUGH HE TYPICALLY PHOTOGRAPHS WHATEVER IS IN FRONT OF HIM, HIS CURRENT FOCUS IS STREET AND URBAN PHOTOGRAPHY. THEREFORE, RESIDENTS WILL FREQUENTLY SEE HIM MEANDERING AROUND PORTSMOUTH, CAMERA IN HAND, DOCUMENTING LIFE IN THE CITY.



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# JASON GOODRICH

**CITIZEN**

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JASON IS A SIXTH GENERATION PORTSMOUTH NATIVE AND LOCAL REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONAL. HE HAS SERVED ON THE BOARD OF THE SEACOAST REPERTORY THEATER, THE ARTS AND NONPROFITS COMMITTEE, THE CULTURAL PLANNING COMMITTEE AND THE PMAC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.



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CO-CHAIR

**LINNEA  
GRIM**

**STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM**——

LINNEA HAS 25 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WORKING IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AT NATIONALLY RELEVANT HISTORIC SITES AND HISTORY ORGANIZATIONS. SHE JOINED STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM AS ITS PRESIDENT AND CEO IN MARCH 2023. PRIOR TO WORKING AT STRAWBERRY BANKE, SHE WORKED FOR 16 YEARS AT MONTICELLO, A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA.



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# ELI KAYNOR

## PORTSMOUTH MUSIC AND ARTS CENTER

CELLIST ELI KAYNOR IS AN ACTIVE TEACHING ARTIST AND PERFORMER, WHOSE PROFESSIONAL CAREER ENCOMPASSES THE FULL GAMUT OF MUSICAL GENRES, INCLUDING CHAMBER, ORCHESTRAL, SOLO, ETHNIC, FOLK, AND ROCK. ELI IS AN ACTIVE TEACHING ARTIST AT PORTSMOUTH MUSIC AND ARTS CENTER (PMAC), WHERE HE ALSO SERVES AS CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER. THROUGH HIS WORK, BOTH AT AND AWAY FROM THE INSTRUMENT, ELI SPENDS HIS TIME BUILDING AUDIENCES AND FOSTERING COMMUNITY.



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# THERESA MACDOWELL

**CITIZEN** 

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THERESA MOVED TO PORTSMOUTH AFTER COMPLETING HER UNDERGRAD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. A LIFELONG LOVER OF THE ARTS, THERESA HAS GAINED MOST OF HER EXPERIENCE IN HER PAST ROLES AT THE UNH MUSEUM OF ART AND FIREFLY POTTERY IN PORTSMOUTH. SHE IS CURRENTLY PURSUING A MASTER'S DEGREE IN SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT AT AN IVY LEAGUE UNIVERSITY, FURTHERING HER COMMITMENT TO CREATING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR ALL.



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# COURTNEY PERKINS

## PRESCOTT PARK ARTS FESTIVAL —

COURTNEY PERKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PRESCOTT PARK ARTS FESTIVAL, IS AN EXPERIENCED ARTS PROFESSIONAL WITH OVER TWENTY YEARS IN VARIOUS CREATIVE FIELDS, INCLUDING MUSIC AND VISUAL ARTS. SHE IS AN ACTIVE MENTOR AND IS PASSIONATE ABOUT CULTIVATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ARTISTS AND ARTS PROFESSIONALS, AS ADJUNCT FACULTY AT COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO. SHE IS DEDICATED TO PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND ACCESSIBILITY IN THE ARTS, ENSURING THE ARTS ARE AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE.



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# KAREN ROSANIA

## ARTIST

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KAREN SPENT OVER 30 YEARS IN HEALTHCARE AND IS NOW PURSUING A LIFE-LONG DREAM OF RUNNING HER OWN ART STUDIO. SHE IS PASSIONATE ABOUT THE ARTS AND PORTSMOUTH AND IS ENJOYING WORKING WITH SO MANY DEDICATED PEOPLE TO BRING THE CULTURAL PLAN TO FRUITION! SHE LIVES IN PORTSMOUTH WITH HER HUSBAND AND HAS 2 GROWN DAUGHTERS AND A PUP NAMED NILLA. :)



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# CATHERINE SAARELA

**CITIZEN** 

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CATHRINE IS A LIFE LONG SUPPORTER AND PARTICIPANT IN THE ARTS COMMUNITY. SHE HAS A HISTORY WORKING AND VOLUNTEERING IN NON-PROFIT CREATIVE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE BETTER OF ALL AND TO MAKE THE WORLD NICER. SHE IS ALSO A ROWING COACH.



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CO-CHAIR

**EMMA  
STRATTON**

**PORTSMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

EMMA HAS SERVED AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PORTSMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY SINCE JUNE 2022. SHE HAS OVER 15 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WORKING AT ART AND HISTORY MUSEUMS ACROSS NEW ENGLAND AND WASHINGTON, DC. SHE ALSO SERVES ON THE MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON HISTORICAL ARCHIVES.



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