



## **ADVISORY COUNCIL PILOT CHARGE**

### **Purpose**

The Advisory Council serves as strategic advisors and community ambassadors for the New England Foundation of the Arts. Members of the Advisory Council support NEFA's mission by providing their professional expertise and diverse knowledge, including of artists and cultural enterprises, philanthropic practice, nonprofit business practice, and policies that impact artists, the cultural sector, community development and entrepreneurship; their connections to local, national or international resources, colleagues or peers; and by contributing to NEFA's annual fund. The Advisory Council has no governing function within the organization.

In this 2-year pilot phase, NEFA will establish an advisory council to weigh in on critical issues facing the organization, field, and region. At the conclusion of the pilot, the executive director and board will evaluate the success of the Advisory Council and determine if this will become a standing committee or if the council will be convened on ad hoc basis.

### **Reasons for creating an Advisory Council**

- Involve people who are willing to give critical assistance but have limited time
- Keep critical partners and supporters connected to the organization
- Create a direct link to important professional and technical expertise
- Develop ambassadors for NEFA in our communities
- Increase philanthropic support and expand NEFA's networks

### **Structure**

- Appointed by the board chair and executive director
- A chair or co-chairs will be appointed to lead meetings, nominate prospective members, and contribute to agenda and project planning
- Serve a two-year term, renewable if mutually desired, commencing June 1 annually
- A minimum of 6 members, but no more than 18

### **Expectations**

- Attend an annual Advisory Council "State of the State" meeting to engage with a topic of critical importance related to the arts in New England
- Maintain contact with the executive director and organization about plans, activities, and needs
- Act annually to support the organization's mission (e.g. provide expert advice, speak with executive director or leadership staff, make a contribution to NEFA's annual fund)
- Allow NEFA to publicize your name and participation on the Council