



# TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

Town Hall  
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Chapel Hill, NC 27514

## Legislation Text

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### **Appoint a Chapel Hill Poet Laureate for 2023-2024.**

**Staff:**

Susan Brown, Executive Director  
Steve Wright, Public Art Coordinator

**Department:**

Community Arts & Culture

**Overview:** Council will consider the Poet Laureate Selection Team's recommendation of Cortland Gilliam for Chapel Hill Poet Laureate for the 2-year term of 2023 - 2024.



**Recommendation(s):**

That the Council appoint Cortland Gilliam as the Chapel Hill Poet Laureate for 2023 - 2024.

**Fiscal Impact/Resources:** The Chapel Hill Poet Laureate for 2023 - 2024 will receive a total stipend of \$3,000 for fulfilling the duties of the position. This stipend amount is currently included in the annual budget.



**Attachments:**

- Resolution
- Chapel Hill Poet Laureate Program Guidelines

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CORTLAND GILLIAM AS THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL'S POET LAUREATE FOR 2023-2024 (2022-11-16/R-6)**

WHEREAS, the Town appointed C.J. Suitt to the position of Chapel Hill's first Poet Laureate on November 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the first Poet Laureate's term expires December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to continue the Poet Laureate program after the first Poet's term expires; and

WHEREAS, the Town adopted The Chapel Hill Poet Laureate Program Guidelines on April 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, an open application process for local poets to apply to become the next Chapel Hill Poet Laureate was held in August and September of 2022; and

WHEREAS, a Selection Team comprising a Town Council member, an Arts Commissioner, the first Poet Laureate, and Town staff conducted the Poet Laureate Selection Process in accordance with the Poet Laureate Program Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Selection Team recommends Cortland Gilliam be appointed Chapel Hill Poet Laureate for 2023-2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council appoints Cortland Gilliam as the Chapel Hill Poet Laureate for January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.

This the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

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**The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.**

By adopting the resolution, the Council appoint Cortland Gilliam as the Chapel Hill Poet Laureate for 2023 - 2024.