



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

8:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the City County
Building in Room 209; attend virtually via Zoom.

A. Call To Order

Present: Chair Ritcherson, Vice Chair Puleo Moyer, Klehr, Curet, McKinney,
Fath, Garrett,

Excused: Rose, Miquelon, Parks Snider

Absent: Yudice

Quorum was established

Staff: Mark Fraire, Augusta Brulla

Call to order at 8:31 a.m.

Present 7 - Chair RODERICK RITCHERSON, AMNERIS CURET, MARY KLEHR, Vice Chair
FRAN PULEO MOYER, JENNIFER GARRETT, DESHAWN MCKINNEY, and
Chair DOUG FATH

Excused 3 - MARCIA MIQUELON, KELLY PARKS-SNIDER, and RICK ROSE

Absent 1 - KELSEY YUDICE

B. Consideration of Minutes

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[MIN-543](#)

[MINUTES FROM THE 01/20/2026 ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
COMMISSION MEETING]

Attachments: [2025 MIN-543](#)

A motion was made by Puleo Moyer to approve the minutes from the 1/20/26 Arts
and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting.

The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

C. Legistar Refresher

- Cultural Affairs Specialist Brulla provided a refresher overview of the Legislative Information Center (Legistar)
- Commissioners are instructed to reference the Legislative Tracking system for meeting agendas and minutes and the shared drive created by Puleo Moyer for documents related to individual commissioners' areas of focus.

D. Six-Month Commission Priorities

- Chair Ritcherson discussed priorities for the next six months of the Dane Arts Commission.
- The Commission agreed to discuss piloting a new funding model starting with Capital grants, that awards specific dollar amount grants, for potential implementation in 2026 Cycle 2.

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Attachments: [2025 PRES-258](#)

E. Department Priorities, Goals, Plans

A discussion took place around Dane Arts priorities for 2026, including future plans for the Dane Arts Business of Art Conference.

F. Discussion on New Grant Allocation Models/Survey Results, Implementation

A discussion took place around grant community feedback sessions conducted by McKinney. Dane Arts staff intend to propose a new grant allocation model for discussion during the May commission meeting.

G. Branding Update

Vice Chair Puleo Moyer provided an overview of branding exercise outcomes as discussed by Puleo Moyer, McKinney, Curet, Ritcherson, and Dane Arts staff.

H. 50th Anniversary Planning

- Vice Chair Puleo Moyer provided an overview of Dane Arts 50th anniversary planning activities.
- Commissioners who are interested in joining an upcoming planning meeting should reach out to Vice Chair Puleo Moyer.

I. Executive Director's Report

Reference Director Fraire's notes.

J. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Events Calendar

- Klehr provided an overview of upcoming events supported by Dane Arts.

- Commissioners are encouraged to represent Dane Arts at upcoming events, as well as serving as a chair during the 2026 cycle 1 grant review panels.

2. Next Commission Meeting

The next commission meeting is on Tuesday, March 17th at 8:30 AM.

K. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

L. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

M. Adjourn

A motion was made by Klehr to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Augusta Brulla pending commission approval.