



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission Executive Committee

Friday, October 31, 2025

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, Supervisor Rose
Quorum was established
Staff: Mark Fraire, Augusta Brulla

Call to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present 4 - Chair RODERICK RITCHERSON, MARY KLEHR, FRAN PULEO MOYER, and Supervisor RICK ROSE
Excused 1 - MARCIA MIQUELON

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. 2025
MIN-360 [MINUTES FROM THE 10/10/2025 ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING]

Attachments: [2025 MIN-360](#)

A motion was made by Puleo Moyer to approve the minutes from the 10/10/25 Arts and Cultural Affairs Executive Committee meeting, seconded by Klehr.

The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

2. Approve October 16 commission minutes

A motion was made by Puleo Moyer to recommend the minutes from the 10/16/25 Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting for approval by the full commission, seconded by Ritcherson.

The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

C. Discuss November Commission Agenda

1. 2026 Dane Arts/County budget, future projections

The 2026 county budget is yet to be approved; future funding projections will be discussed.

2. Alternative grant award allocation ideas

Chair Ritcherson's alternative funding ideas and any other contributions from other Dane Arts commissioners and staff will be discussed.

3. Areas of focus end of the year reports

Commissioners will be asked to share updates on their respective areas of focus.

D. 2026 Commissioner Expiration Dates

- Six commissioners' terms are set to expire in June 2026.
- Requests for renewals will be sent to the County Executive along with potential new appointees.

E. Executive Committee 2026 Renewal

The Dane Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission Executive Committee is set to sunset on 12/31/25. If the committee would like to keep working in 2026, there must be a motion to extend the sunset date to 12/31/26. Since this is a subcommittee, the full Dane Arts commission must make this motion.

- Chair Ritcherson discussed the purpose of the Executive Committee as providing an in-depth discussion to ensure commission meetings run more efficiently, providing opportunities for members to thoroughly prepare for commission meetings, and facilitate training opportunities for commission officers.
- Commissioner Klehr discussed the idea of rotating Executive Committee members more frequently.
- Chair Ritcherson is prepared to draft Executive Committee agendas, communicate with Executive Committee members, and prepare meeting minutes. Dane Arts staff will continue to post agendas and minutes on Legistar.
- The motion to renew the Executive Committee for 2026 will be made during the full commission meeting on November 10th.
- Chair Ritcherson made a second motion to extend the current Executive Committee member terms through April 2026 when elections take place, seconded by Klehr.

A motion was made by Ritcherson to renew the Dane Arts Executive Committee through 2026, seconded by Klehr.

The motion was carried by a majority vote.

Ayes: 3 - RITCHERSON, KLEHR and PULEO MOYER

Noes: 1 - ROSE

F. 2026 Executive Committee Meeting Calendar

Consensus among executive committee members was to continue meeting on Fridays at 8:30 a.m. in 2026.

A motion was made by Ritcherson to renew the Dane Arts Executive Committee through 2026, seconded by Klehr.

The motion was carried by a majority vote.

G. Events Update

Five commissioners are signed up to staff the Dane Arts Calendar and Poster Celebration on November 7th.

H. Executive Director's Report

- Director Fraire will share notes during the November 10th Commission meeting.
- Director Fraire met with Middleton and Verona mayors about deepening partnerships to support arts and culture in each of their communities.
- Discussions continue regarding Dane Arts branding and grant philosophy.

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. November 10 Commission Agenda:

- Roll call, establish quorum
- Approve October 16 minutes (action item)
- Approve 2026 commission meeting calendar (action item)
- Presentation group?
- 2025 cycle 2 wrap up
- Alternative grant award allocation discussion
- Areas of Focus end of the year reports
- Dane Arts Calendar of Events
- Executive Director's Report

2. Other

None.

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by Klehr to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Augusta Brulla pending commission approval.