



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, April 14, 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: Puleo Moyer, Klehr, Curet, McKinney, Fath, Yudice, Mietzel, King

Excused: Rose, Snow

Absent: Garrett

Staff: Mark Fraire, Augusta Brulla

Call to Order at 8:31 a.m.

Present 8 - AMNERIS CURET, MARY KLEHR, Vice Chair FRAN PULEO MOYER, KELSEY YUDICE, DESHAWN MCKINNEY, DOUG FATH, AMY MIETZEL, and JENNIFER KING

Excused 2 - RICK ROSE, and Chair SOFIA SNOW

Absent 1 - JENNIFER GARRETT

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)
[MIN-677](#)

[MINUTES FROM THE 03/17/2026 ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
COMMISSION MEETING]

Attachments: [2025 MIN-677](#)

A motion was made by Klehr to approve the minutes from the 3/17/2026 Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting.

C. 2026 Cycle One Grants Overview

Cultural Affairs Specialist Brulla provided an overview of the 2026 Cycle 1 grant applications, noting the ratio of requested funds to available funds.

D. Approve Capital Grant allocation recommendations

A motion was made by Klehr to award capital grant applications from Madison Opera, Madison Flute Club, Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra, Madison Area Concert Handbells, and Isthmus Dance Collective at 38% of their request with the exception of \$550 for Madison Conservatory which totals 50% of their request.

The motion was carried unanimously by a voice

E. Approve Short Order Grant allocation recommendations

In addition to \$5,800 approved from the grant budget, Director Fraire noted that \$5,700 will be allocated from another budget line to fulfill this request.

A motion was made by Curet to approve an award of \$500 to each of the 23 short order grant applicants.

The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

F. Approve project grant mathematical formula allocations

Curet presented the recommended award distribution for 73 eligible project grant applications as outlined by the grant allocation formula, totaling \$101,400.

A motion was made by Curet to approve the 73 project grant awards as outlined by the grant allocation formula.

The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote

G. Executive Director's Report

All commissioners are encouraged to attend the 2026 Business of Art Conference April 23-24.

Other activities include the 2027 Dane Arts Calendar and Poster production and 50th Anniversary planning.

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Events Calendar

Commissioners are encouraged to attend Dane Arts-supported events throughout the spring and sign up via the provided event spreadsheet.

2. Next Meeting Date

The next commission meeting is on Tuesday, May 19th at 8:30 a.m.

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Existing commissioners and newly appointed commissioners Amy Mietzel, Jennifer King, and Doug Fath introduced themselves.

Director Fraire discussed Business of Art keynote speakers

K. Adjourn

A motion was made by McKinney to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Augusta Brulla pending commission approval.