



COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS

AGENDA

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025

COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING – 4:30 PM

MEETING PARTICIPATION INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THE
AGENDA

CIVIC CENTER MEETING HALL
WILLIAM M. MENDENHALL COMMUNITY ROOM
1016 S. LIVERMORE AVENUE

Laurence E Milder, Chair
Natalia T Custodio, Vice Chair
Cathleen deOrnelas, Commissioner
Thomasin J Dewhurst, Commissioner
Robert Gausman, Commissioner
Rajagopal R Kowligi, Commissioner
Monya Lane, Commissioner
Tracy Sahn, Commissioner

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Cathleen deOrnelas
Commissioner Thomasin J Dewhurst
Commissioner Robert Gausman
Commissioner Rajagopal R Kowligi
Commissioner Monya Lane
Commissioner Tracy Sahn
Vice Chair Natalia Custudio
Chair Laurence E Milder

3. OPEN FORUM

- In conformance with the Brown Act, no Commission for the Arts action can occur on items presented during Open Forum.
- To provide public comment, please submit a speaker card. When your name is called, walk to the lectern to address the Commission.
- Comments are limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per person, per item. The Chair may reduce the amount of time based on the number of persons wishing to speak.
- Open Forum will conclude after 30 minutes; however, if there are additional speakers, Open Forum will reconvene after Matters for Consideration.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and are acted upon by the Commission with a single action. Members of the audience wishing to provide public input must submit a speaker card.

4.1 Approval of Draft Minutes - March 25, 2025, Commission for the Arts Regular Meeting

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts approve the draft minutes.

Staff Report

Attachments:

1. [DRAFT Commission for the Arts - March 25, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

4.2 Approval of Draft Minutes - April 22, 2025, Commission for the Arts Regular Meeting

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts approve the draft minutes.

Attachments:

1. [DRAFT Commission for the Arts - April 22, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to Review Mini Grant Applications.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts appoint an ad hoc committee to review Mini

Grant applications received for the June 1, 2025, cycle.

[Staff Report](#)

- 5.2 Selection of a Commission for the Arts Representative for the 2025 High School Senior Arts Awards Presentation during the City Council Meeting of June 9, 2025.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts select a commissioner to represent the Commission during the 2025 High School Senior Arts Awards presentation during the City Council Meeting of June 9, 2025.

[Staff Report](#)

- 5.3 Discussion on Managing Recurring Grant Requests

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts discuss recurring grant applicants and their applications and if deemed to be necessary by the Commission, appoint an ad hoc committee to research and consider options related to these grant requests.

[Staff Report](#)

- 5.4 Discussion on Issuance of Name Badges for Commissioners

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts receive the report and provide feedback.

[Staff Report](#)

- 5.5 Report on the Unsolicited Grant Program

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts receive the report.

[Staff Report](#)

Attachments:

[1. Grants Comparison Chart](#)

- 5.6 Calendar of Recurring Commission for the Arts Tasks and Events

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts receive the report.

[Staff Report](#)

Attachments:

[1. Commission for the Arts Recurring Tasks/Events Calendar](#)

- 5.7 Report on Open Matters Initiated

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts receive the report.

[Staff Report](#)

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MATTERS INITIATED BY STAFF AND

COMMISSIONERS

7. ADJOURNMENT

To a regular Commission for the Arts meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 4:30 pm, Civic Center Meeting Hall, William M. Mendenhall Community Room, 1016 S. Livermore Avenue.

8. HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMISSION MEETING

You can participate in the meeting in a number of ways:

Open Forum is an opportunity for the public to speak regarding items not listed on the agenda. Speakers are limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per person. To address the Commission, you must submit a speaker card to the liaison prior to the start of that item. You should be aware that the Commission is prohibited by State law from taking action on any items that are not listed on the agenda. However, if your item requires action, the Commission may place it on a future agenda or direct staff to work with you and/or report to the Commission on the issue.

Other Agenda Items are also open for public input including Consent Calendar or Matters for Consideration items. These comments are also subject to the 3-minute limit.

Submission of Comments Prior to the Meeting:

Email Comments may be submitted by the public to the Commission for the Arts Liaison (arts@LivermoreCA.gov). Items received no later than 12:00 pm on the day of the meeting will be provided to the Commission and available on the City website prior to the meeting. These items will NOT be read into the record.

eComments may be submitted by the public using the eComment link [here](#). Comments may be up to 1000 characters in length and will be accepted up until 3:30 pm the day of the meeting. These items will NOT be read into the record and are viewable by the Commission and the public upon submittal.

Submission of Comments During the Meeting:

Speakers are limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per person. To submit a comment, you must complete a speaker card for each item. Speaker cards are available in the Civic Center Meeting Hall lobby. Indicate on the card the item number you wish to comment on and submit the card directly to the liaison prior to the start of the item. You should be aware that the Commission is prohibited by State law from taking action on any items that are not listed on the agenda. However, if your item requires action, the Commission may place it on a future agenda or direct staff to work with you and/or report to the Commission on the issue.

If you would like to deliver written materials to the Commission for the Arts as part of your public comments, please provide 12 copies to the liaison with your speaker card.

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