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Meeting Minutes - Draft MADISON ARTS 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

5:30 PM

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Agenda note:

Call to Order/Roll Call

Present: 9 - Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Papa-Kobina N. Brewoo; Eli M. Asnien; Angela Johnson; Ren K. LaDassor; T. L. Luke; Michael B. Salerno; Nicholas A. Pjevach and Gregory M. Doby

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by LaDassor, seconded by Luke, to Approve the March 17, 2026 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Public Comment

1. [61239](#) Public Comment

None.

Disclosures and Recusals

None.

Discussion Items

Item 4 & 5 taken out of order.

4. [92655](#) 2026-27 Annual Art Grants

Staff presented the 2026-27 Annual Art Grant funding proposal.

A motion was made by Luke, seconded by Johnson, to Approve the 2026-27 Arts Grant funding proposal (Attached). The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5. [87769](#) City-County Building Art Plan

Staff presented the City-County Building (CCB) Art Plan Phase 1 proposal.

A motion was made by LaDassor, seconded by Luke, to Approve the Phase I Art Plan for the CCB (Attached). The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2. [22393](#) Election of Chair and Vice Chair to the Madison Arts Commission

Staff reviewed the responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair.

A motion was made by Salerno, seconded by LaDassor, to Approve the nomination of T.L. Luke as the Vice Chair.

A motion was made by Luke, seconded by LaDassor, to Approve the nomination of Nick Pjevach to continue as Chair of the Madison Arts Commission. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [78236](#) State Street Campus Garage/Hawthorne Court Percent for Art Project

Staff presented a mural opportunity for local artists in addition to the State Street Campus Garage Percent for Art Project.

A motion was made by LaDassor, seconded by Luke, to Approve inviting artists Steph Hagens, Emily Balsley, and Julie Vornholt, to create mural designs for an interior mural in the State Street Campus Garage. These three artists applied as an artist team for the state Street Campus Garage Percent for Art call and were the top scoring local artists. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. [22394](#) Madison Arts Commission Standing Committee Assignments

Staff reviewed the current Standing Committee assignments. Ren LaDassor joined the Grants Standing Committee.

7. [91543](#) 2026 Administrative Updates

- Madison Youth Poet Laureate Call is open
- New Madison Arts website
- Thurber park Artist in Residence Call is open
- LakeWay Call is still open
- Native Landscape mural for the Madison public Market will be installed soon & staff will be planning an artist reception

No action taken.

8. [91542](#) 2026 Press and Publicity

No action taken.

Adjournment

**A motion was made by Luke, seconded by LaDassor, to Adjourn at 6:34PM.
The motion passed by voice vote/other.**