



COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS

AGENDA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS SPECIAL 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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commission for the Arts of the City of Livermore will convene a special meeting on September 30, 2025, beginning at 4:30 pm, Civic Center Meeting Hall, William M. Mendenhall Community Room, 1016 S. Livermore Avenue.

This special meeting is being called by Chair Laurence E Milder. /s/ Laurence E Milder

Laurence E Milder, Chair
Natalia T Custodio, Vice Chair
Tauheeda Babar, Commissioner
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 Tauheeda Babar
Commissioner Cathleen deOrnelas
Commissioner Robert Gausman
Commissioner Rajagopal R Kowligi
Commissioner Monya Lane
Commissioner Sabrina Ohnemus
Commissioner Cher Wollard
Vice Chair Natalia Custodio
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 - July 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 - July 22, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Appointment of Commissioners to the Partnership Model Ad Hoc Committee

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts nominate and vote to appoint three commissioners to the Partnership Model ad hoc committee that was established at the July 22, 2025, regular meeting.

Staff Report

5.2 Appointment of an ad hoc committee to review Unsolicited Grant applications.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts appoint an ad hoc committee to review Unsolicited Grant applications received by the October 1, 2025, cycle deadline.

Staff Report

- 5.3 Discussion and direction regarding the Project and Program Grant Review Ad Hoc Committee's funding recommendations to the Commission for the Arts and to City Council.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts receive an oral report from the ad hoc committee and review and discuss the ad hoc committee's funding recommendations, and vote to approve recommendation of the following Project & Program grant applications to the City Council:

1. East Bay Holocaust Education Center - "Violins of Hope" Free Exhibits - \$10,000
2. Las Positas College - Literary Arts Festival - \$10,000
3. Livermore-Amador Symphony - "Spring Awakenings" Concert and Display - \$8,579
4. Livermore Art Association - Spring Arts Program - \$9,000
5. Livermore Valley Opera - Education and Community Engagement Program - \$10,000
6. Shruti Abhishek Dance - Free Cultural and Education Program for Youth - \$4,000

Staff Report**Attachments:**

1. [East Bay Holocaust Education Center - Redacted Application](#)
2. [Las Positas College - Redacted Application](#)
3. [Livermore-Amador Symphony - Redacted Application](#)
4. [Livermore Art Association - Redacted Application](#)
5. [Livermore Valley Opera - Redacted Application](#)
6. [Shruti Abhishek Dance - Redacted Application](#)
7. [Project and Program Grant Applications Presentation](#)

- 5.4 Arts Projects, Planning, and Updates Memo

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts receive the memo and report.

Staff Report**Attachments:**

1. [Memo to the Commission for the Arts](#)

- 5.5 Recurring Grants Ad Hoc Committee Update Report

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts receive the report from the ad hoc committee and provide feedback and direction (if applicable).

Staff Report**Attachments:**

1. [Recurring Grants Ad Hoc Committee Notes](#)

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MATTERS INITIATED BY STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS

7. ADJOURNMENT

To a regular Commission for the Arts meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 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:

Special Meeting, Workshops - The public will have the opportunity to address the Commission for the Arts regarding the items that are the subject of the special meeting or workshop. Public comments are limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per person.

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 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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