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Meeting Minutes - Approved 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, November 18, 2025

5:30 PM

Virtual

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- Register to answer questions
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Call to Order/Roll Call

Alder Martinez-Rutherford arrived at 6:00pm.

Angela Johnson arrived at 6:35pm.

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Luke, seconded by LaDassor, to Approve the October 15, 2025 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Public Comment

Faisal Abdu'Allah registered in support of Item 2 wishing to speak.

Agenda Note:

1. [61239](#) Public Comment

Disclosures and Recusals

Gregory Doby disclosed that he rents Studio space to Gene Delcourt. Rene LaDassor disclosed that she works for Overture Center.

Discussion Items

2. [90343](#) Warner Park Community Center Public Art

Faisal Abdu'Allah registered in support wishing to speak.

Artist Faisal Abdu'Allah presented his designs for the Warner Park Community Center public art and the community engagement he did to create the design. The Commissioners asked Abdu'Allah questions about the design and staff read staff comments on the design.

A motion was made by Jurewicz, seconded by Luke, to Approve Abdu'Allah's design with the condition that the artist work with staff to finalize the design based on commissioner feedback. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [90512](#) SUBSTITUTE: Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Annual Performance Contract for the 2026 operations of the Overture Center, and providing for a grant from the City. (District 4)

A motion was made by Luke, seconded by Asnien, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [81439](#) Teejop Community History Public Art

The Public Art Standing Committee Chair gave an overview of the Committee's recommendation.

A motion was made by Luke, seconded by LaDassor, to Approve funding the six proposals in order based on their score (Gene Delcourt, Christopher Sweet, June Whitehorse, Melanie Tallmadge Sainz, Dakota Mace, and Torry Tepp) and empower staff to seek out additional funding and proposals for the theme of resistance and removal. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5. [22394](#) Madison Arts Commission Standing Committee Assignments

Eli Asnien was appointed to the Public Art Standing Committee.

6. [16650](#) MAC Meeting Dates & Locations

Staff presented the draft 2026 meeting schedule. Starting in 2026 the Public Art Standing Committee will now meet every month.

7. [87172](#) 2025 MAC Administrative Updates

Staff gave updates on the Madison Public Market, Triangle Redevelopment, Madison Music, Imagination Center, Gilman Street, State Street Campus Garage, Metro Transit Maintenance Facility Percent for Art project, Reynolds Park Mural projects. No action taken.

8. [87169](#) 2025 Press and Publicity

No action taken.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Martinez-Rutherford, seconded by LaDassor, to Adjourn at 6:47pm. The motion passed by voice vote/other.