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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?*

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

5:30 PM

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Agenda Note:

Call to Order/Roll Call

Present: 8 - Ellen Zhang; Papa-Kobina N. Brewoo; Eli M. Asnien; Angela Johnson; T. L. Luke; Michael B. Salerno; Nicholas A. Pjevach and Gregory M. Doby
Excused: 1 - Ren K. LaDassor

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Asnien, to Approve the April 14, 2026 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Public Comment

1. [61239](#) Public Comment

Disclosures and Recusals

-Michael Salerano recused himself from Item 8 for The Triangle Redevelopment Art Plan.

Discussion Items

Item 3 & 4 taken out of order.

3. [93031](#) 2026 Youth Poet Laureate

Juniper Ostraff, 2026 YPL Applicant
mk zariel, 2026 YPL Applicant
Lilyana Claire Zanesco, 2026 YPL Applicant
Maya Derkaoui, 2026 YPL Applicant
Steven Espada Dawson, Madison Poet Laureate

The Youth Poet Laureate applicants presented themselves and read a selection of their work.

A motion was made by Luke, seconded by Johnson, to move into closed session. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Possible Closed Session--Arts Commission may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The Committee may reconvene in open session immediately following any such closed session.

A motion was made by, seconded by, to move out of closed session. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Luke, seconded by Zhang, to Approve MK Zariel as the 2026 Madison Youth Poet Laureate. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [55290](#) Thurber Park Artist-in-Residence

-Staff presented the Commission's scoring.

A motion was made by Salerno, seconded by Luke, to Approve Sarah Jane Mullen as the 2026 Thurber Artist-in-Residence with Ankur Malhorta as the alternate. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2. [16466](#) Introduction of New Madison Arts Commission Members

-Alder Ellen Ren Zhang was introduced to the Commission and Commissioners introduced themselves to Alder Ellen Ren Zhang.

No action taken.

5. [81370](#) Madison Public Market Art Plan

A motion was made by Luke, seconded by Salerno, to Approve Tyanna Buie's "Origin Story" for the Madison Public Market stairwell mural and Sharon Bjyrd's proposal as the alternate design. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. [91541](#) 2026 BLINK Commissions

A motion was made by Luke, seconded by Asnien, to Approve Erica Pinigis's "Dance in a Blink" proposal and Aaron Konkol's "All you Need is Live" proposal. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

7. [88243](#) Social Practice Art Call

A motion was made by Luke, seconded by Salerno, to Approve the top scoring applicants, Sharon Bjyrd and Marjorie Guyon, to the Social Practice Artist Roster. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

8. [92310](#) The Triangle Redevelopment Art Plan

A motion was made by Luke, seconded by Johnson, to Approve the mosaic proposal by Marcia Yapp & Laura Jacoba Epstein and the mural proposal by Audifax. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

9. [87171](#) Madison LakeWay Public Art

A motion was made by Luke, seconded by Johnson, to Approve the LakeWay Public Art Selection Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation that the top four scoring applicants (Jill Anholt Studio, This is Loop, SpY Studio, Choi+Shine) to be invited to the next selection phase. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

10. [93121](#) 2026 Sidewalk Poetry

A motion was made by Luke, seconded by Johnson, to Approve the 2026 Sidewalk Poetry proposal (Attached). The motion passed by voice vote/other.

11. [91543](#) 2026 Administrative Updates

Staff gave updates on:
-Hawthorne Sound Art project completion
-LakeWay Public Art finalists talk
-Make Music Madison

12. [91542](#) 2026 Press and Publicity

None. No action taken.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Asnien, seconded by Brewoo, to Adjourn at 8:04pm. The motion passed by voice vote/other.