



City of Madison

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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, January 20, 2026

5:30 PM

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Call to Order/Roll Call

Additional City Staff: Angela Puerta, Planning Division

Present: 7 - Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Papa-Kobina N. Brewoo; Eli M. Asnien; T. L. Luke; Michael B. Salerno; Nicholas A. Pjevach and Gregory M. Doby
Excused: 3 - Angela Johnson; Ren K. LaDassor and Bethany M. Jurewicz

Agenda Note:

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Luke, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford, to Approve the November 18, 2025 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Public Comment

1. [61239](#) Public Comment
None.

Disclosures and Recusals

None.

Discussion Items

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

The Commission welcomed new commissioner, Michael Salerno, to the Madison Arts Commission. No action taken.
3. [90532](#) 2026 Artist At Work Grants

A motion was made by Martinez-Rutherford, seconded by Luke, to Approve all 2026 Artist At Work Grant applicants receive the amounts they requested up to the maximum funding limit of \$15,000 (The Center for Black Excellence and Culture; Overture Center Foundation, Inc.; Make Music Madison, Inc.; Arts + Literature Laboratory), and the additional \$20,000 for staff to contract individuals for arts & music marketing. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
4. [39930](#) Madison Music Initiatives

Angela Puerta, City Music Staff, gave a presentation for the Madison Music Annual Report that focus on the City of Madison Music branding. No action taken.
5. [91541](#) 2026 BLINK Commissions

Martinez-Rutherford, Dina Nina made a motion, seconded by Luke, T. L. to Approve referring Item 5 to MAC's February 18th meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
6. [91543](#) 2026 Administrative Updates

City staff gave updates and reminders on:
 - Statement of interest
 - FoMAC annual board retreat
 - New MMB & CCB art
 - Monona Terrace Art on the Rooftop call
 - Arts Grants application
 - Public Market art plan
 - Bartillon Men's Shelter Percent for Art project
 - Far West Maintenance Facility Percent for Art project
 - Imagination Center Percent for Art projectNo action taken.
7. [91542](#) 2026 Press and Publicity

No action taken.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Martinez-Rutherford, seconded by Asnien, to Adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm. The motion passed by voice vote/other.