



City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
53202

Meeting Minutes

MILWAUKEE ARTS BOARD

ALD. MILELE COGGS, CHAIR

Polly Morris, Interim Vice-Chair

*Phoenix Brown, David Flores, Donald Fraker, Marcela Garcia,
April Heding, Tina Klose, Sandra McSweeney, Tim Murphy,
Amy O'Neill, Chad Orr, Ariel Pate, Natasha Perez, Kantara
Souffrant, Oscar Tovar and Travis Landry*

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Tuesday, January 13, 2026

4:00 PM

Virtual

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1. Call to Order at 4:05 PM

2. Roll Call

Present 14 - McSweeney, Flores, Fraker, Murphy, Coggs, Klose, Garcia, Souffrant,
Pate, Brown, Orr, O'Neill, Perez and Landry

Excused 3 - Morris, Tovar and Heding

3. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (12/9/25)

Member Flores, Seconded by member Orr moved to approve the minutes. There were no objections.

4. Public Art Subcommittee Updates

Ms. Svetic said that they are currently accepting Statements of Interest from City departments as it relates to the issues/topics they would like collaboration with the Artist and PAIR program, to work on. Arts Board will also have an opportunity to review these applications in a future meeting.

5. New Business

1. Code of Ordinance Updates

2. By-Laws Updates

Mr. Hillard from LRB presented the board with updates to an ordinance relating to the project guidelines of the arts board. This ordinance makes adjustments to the language relating to the duties of the arts board. It eliminates unnecessary language regarding organizations operated by the city as possible recipients of project or

program funding from the arts board. In addition, currently, there are no provisions for sustaining grants given to organizations by the arts board. This ordinance allows for sustaining grants given to specific organizations on an indefinite basis.

Regarding updating the By-Laws, changing the language regarding objectives and duties, to reflect the changes that were made last time to the code of ordinances.

Member Pate, seconded by member Souffrant moved approval of these updates.

There were no objections.

3. 2026 Awards Nominations form

Ms. Svetic reviewed with members the current draft of the nomination form for the 2026 Artists of the Year and Friends of the Arts.

6. Old Business

There were no Old Business discussed.

7. Announcements

8. Adjournment at 4:54 PM

Joanna Urtiz

Staff Assistant

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