



City of Milwaukee

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53202

Meeting Minutes

MILWAUKEE ARTS BOARD

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April Heding, Tina Klose, Sandra McSweeney, Tim Murphy,
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Souffrant, Oscar Tovar and Travis Landry*

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Tuesday, December 9, 2025

4:00 PM

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1. Call to Order at 4:04 PM

2. Roll Call

Present 12 - Morris, Fraker, Murphy, Klose, Tovar, Souffrant, Heding, Pate, Brown, Orr,
O'Neill and Perez

Absent 1 - Garcia

Excused 2 - McSweeney and Flores

3. Review and approval of previous meeting minutes (11/11/25)

Motion by member Fraker, seconded by member Murphy. There were objections.

4. Public Art Subcommittee Report

The Public Arts Committee is working on the documents that will be presented at the cabinet meeting later this month for the second round of the Public Artist in Residence Program.

5. New Business

a. Vel R. Phillips/Karyn Oliver public art project design update

Ms. Oliver walked members through a visual updates of the Vel R Phillips plaza project. unveiling is expected to be late august 2026.

b. 2026 Major Dates

The calendar for meetings and events for 2026 was approved.

6. Old Business

a. 2026 Sustaining Grant Guidelines and Application

Member Morris moved approval of the 2026 Sustaining Grant application and guidelines. There were no objections.

7. Announcements

Member Murphy and Morris discussed and shared a link to a video on Milwaukee about Elsa's Restaurant, and how they have hired artists to do installations of art.

8. Adjournment

*Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM
Joanna Urtiz
Staff Assistant*

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