



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
53202

## Meeting Minutes

### MILWAUKEE ARTS BOARD

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Tuesday, July 8, 2025

4:00 PM

VIRTUAL

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#### 1. Call to Order 4:06 PM

**Present** 14 - McSweeney, Morris, Flores, Fraker, Murphy, Klose, Tovar, Souffrant, Heding, Pate, Brown, Orr, O'Neill and Perez

#### 2. Roll Call

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#### 3. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (5/13/25)

*Motion by member Tovar, seconded by member Fraker, to approve the minutes. There were no objections.*

#### 4. Public Art Subcommittee Report

*Ms. Morris said that Public Arts Subcommittee went over the draft report on the PAIR program, the evaluation report, which will be available soon. We also got a request for the Public Art Conservation Fund, but it came in too close to the deadline. We're trying to give ourselves a month to approve things, so that will come up at the next meeting.*

#### 5. New Business

##### a. League of WI Municipalities Fall Conference

*Ann Katz, director of Create Wisconsin and Create Wisconsin has been administering that RFP for artists in residence for the conference in September. The league was interested in a creative economy arts panel at that conference. Anne put together a draft panel description and did want to pitch it as presented by Create Wisconsin and the arts board: Arts, Culture, and Creativity, 21st Century Investment for Municipalities is the panel title, and the description reads, investment in the arts, culture, and creative economy is investment in an industry that strengthens local economic and civic wellbeing, brings people together and builds more vibrant communities for residents and visitors.*

*The list of potential panelists; local leaders in the arts, economic development, government and civic engagement on growing unique partnership and coalition, addressing civic issues and developing communities as hubs of creativity.*

#### 6. Old Business

##### a. Sustaining Grant Program Update

*The 2025 sustaining grant review panel met virtually on April 25, 2025. Six members were new to the panel this year. One was a Milwaukee Arts Board member. All eight panelists completed Conflict of Interest forms prior to this session.*

*The full panel had time to discuss each application, submit their final scores and comments for each application after the panel session. Finally, individual panelist scores for each application were weighted based on the values assigned by the Sustaining Grant Application Subcommittee, then the weighted scores were averaged for each organization and then the average scores were ranked.*

*This year the Milwaukee Arts Board received 63 complete applications, 62 of which were deemed complete and eligible for consideration. There were 4 first-time applicants in this year's applicant pool. A total of 47 organizations are recommended for funding – one at \$3,000 and 45 at \$6,000 and one at \$3,600 (based on the projected income for the current fiscal year and available funding) – for a total of \$276,600.*

## **7. Announcements/Adjournment at 4:53 PM**

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