



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, William DeLind, David Flores, Donald Fraker,
Marcela Garcia, April Heding, Tina Klose, Sandra McSweeney,
Tim Murphy, Amy O'Neill, Chad Orr, Ariel Pate, Kantara
Souffrant, and Oscar Tovar*

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Tuesday, April 8, 2025

4:00 PM

VIRTUAL

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1. Call to Order at 4:05 pm

2. Roll Call

Present 12 - McSweeney, Morris, Fraker, Murphy, Coggs, Klose, Tovar, Garcia, Heding, Brown, Orr and O'Neill

Absent 1 - DeLind

Excused 2 - Souffrant and Pate

3. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (2/11 & 3/11)

*Motion by member Flores, seconded by member Murphy to approve the minutes.
There were no objections.*

4. Public Art Subcommittee Report

The PAIR project update - the evaluator continues his evaluation process. He will be coming to a future meeting until he is further along. Subcommittee considered an application for the Conservation Fund, which was determined not to move forward at this time.

The Conservation Fund Form is undergoing some updates. Staff will circulate the updated form to all members prior to the next board meeting at which point, board will make recommendation to approve those changes, said vice Chair, Morris.

5. New Business

Arts Board sought nominees whose work aligns with the Milwaukee Code of Ordinance,

which states that the Arts Board shall promote the development. Support, and enjoyment of the arts in the city, promote cultural diversity in the artistic life of the city, and promote the formation and growth of artistic projects or programs that are administered by and responsive to the needs of the city's that have been historically underrepresented or under served based on race, ethnicity, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, socioeconomic status, geography, or citizenship status.

The following nominees were only nominated for Artist of the Year -

*Aaron Boyd
Amal Azzam
Anthony Brewer
Brad Anthony Bernard
Catey Ott Thompson
DeMar Walker
Heidi Parkes
Jenny Jo Wennlund
Kendall Lutchman
Paula Lovo
Ryan Laessig
Terrell Morgan*

The following 4 nominees were nominated for both Artist of the Year and Friend of the Arts -

*John Kowalczyk
Michelle LoRicco
Neto Atkinson
Yessica Jimenez*

The following were nominated only for Friend of the Arts -

*Karl Kopp
Leslie Fedorchuk
Milwaukee Makers Market
Nakeysha Roberts Washington
Stacey Pagac
Symphony Swan-Zawadi*

Winners of the 2025 MAB Mildred L. Harpole Artist of the Year are:

Aaron Boyd and Amal Azzam

Winners of Friend of the Arts -

Symphony Swan-Zawadi and Nakeysha Roberts Washington

Member Fraker, seconded by member Orr moved to approve these winners. There were no objections.

There will be press release announcing the winners. Members will also receive this press release once published. The award will be presented at the annual award celebration in the City Hall Rotunda on June 10th.

Ms. Svetic presented the nominees to the Artists of the Year nominations; few artists were nominated for both categories:

6. Old Business

Received 62 applications for the 2025 Sustaining Grant; review panel is working through their scoring of those to be discussed at the April 25th review panel session and those recommendations and final scores will be presented to MAB at the May 13th meeting.

7. Announcements

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm

Joanna Urtiz

Staff Assistant

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