



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, Kantara Souffrant, and
Oscar Tovar**

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Tuesday, May 13, 2025

4:00 PM

VIRTUAL

Calling Number: +1 (408) 650-3123

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1. Call to Order at 4:03 pm

2. Roll Call

Present 10 - McSweeney, Morris, Flores, Fraker, Murphy, Coggs, Tovar, Heding, Brown
and Orr

Absent 1 - Garcia

Excused 2 - Pate and O'Neill

3. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (4/8/25)

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

4. Public Art Subcommittee Report

*Ms. Morris said that subcommittee reviewed a proposal from United Community Center to restore a mural in the Bruce Guadalupe School building that, Reynaldo Hernandez had done back in 1989. The recommendation is to fund the project in the amount of \$3,000.00; There were no objections.
subcommittee also went over the Conservation Fund application and updates were made.*

Ms. Svetic shared the link with members to review the application and also went over the sections that were updated. Member Flores, seconded by member Morris moved to approve the application as updated.

Also Ms. Morris reported that the PAIR program evaluator shared his preliminary outline and members were given the opportunity to make suggestions for this final

report.

5. New Business

1. Recommendations from the Review Panel for the 2025 Sustaining Grant Award

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.

Member Morris moved to approve these recommendations. There were no objections.

6. Old Business

7. Announcements

A film festival called Reeled in Resilience, are accepting submissions that are from Hmong and Southeast Asian filmmakers to share their stories on screen. The annual art celebration will be held on June 10th at 5:30pm in the City Hall Rotunda.

The Moving Art Car will be out at the Big Truck Day this Saturday at Red Arrow Park from 11am - 2pm

Wednesday, May 14th, from 9 AM to 2 PM at City Hall, several council members are sponsoring the second Advocacy Day centering around housing and public safety .At 9 a.m., keynote addressed by former Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes.

8. Adjournment at 4: 39pm

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