



## ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

March 31, 2026

A meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 5:45 pm, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

**PRESENT:** Ashley Daniel Foot, Chair  
Noor Abouchehade  
Mark Busse  
Brent Constantine  
Kareem Hassib  
Brian McBay  
Shora Parvaresh, Co-Chair

**ABSENT:** Diane Brown (Leave of Absence)  
Hanna Cho  
Henry Heng Lu (Leave of Absence)  
John Steil (Leave of Absence)  
Kaile Shilling, Vice Chair (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Pete Fry, Council Liaison  
Brenda Grunau, Social Planner III – Grants & Awards,  
Arts, Culture and Community Services; Staff Liaison  
Helen Ma, Assistant Director, Arts and Culture, Arts,  
Culture and Community Services

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Sonia Lotay, Meeting Coordinator

### WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

### Modified Procedures

MOVED by Shora Parvaresh  
SECONDED by Mark Busse

THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee suspend the rule of section 15.13 of the *Procedure By-law* for the duration of this meeting, to allow the use of consensus-based decision-making.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

### **Leave of Absence Requests**

THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Diane Brown, Henry Heng Lu, John Steil and Kaile Shilling, for this meeting.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

### **Approval of Minutes**

THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee approve the minutes from the meeting of Tuesday, January 27, 2026, as circulated.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

### **1. Annual Report Approval**

The Chair put forward the draft Annual Report, circulated earlier, for approval.

THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee approve the [Annual Report](#) as circulated.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

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### **VARY AGENDA**

*THAT the Committee vary the order of the agenda in order to deal with Item 4 before Items 2 and 3.*

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

*Note: For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.*

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### **4. Liaison Updates**

All liaisons present provided updates and responded to questions and comments.

### **2. Working Session Updates**

The Chair provided an update on the working session held Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at which Committee members discussed the draft Annual Report.

### **5. Subcommittee Updates**

None.

## **6. New Business**

The Committee discussed developing a draft motion to be submitted for Council consideration prior to the end of the current Council session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

### **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Tuesday, May 26, 2026  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall  
/ Teams Meeting

The Committee adjourned at 6:46 pm.

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