



ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 22, 2026

A meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 5:33 pm, via electronic means.

PRESENT:

Shora Parvaresh, Co-Chair
Noor Abouchehade
Diane Brown
Mark Busse
Brent Constantine
Hanna Cho*
Henry Heng Lu*
Kaile Shilling, Vice Chair
John Steil

ABSENT:

Ashley Daniel Foot, Co-Chair (Leave of Absence)
Kareen Hassib (Leave of Absence)
Brian McBay

ALSO PRESENT:

Jorge Amigo, Head of Cultural Programming, Vancouver
Public Library 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: Connie Law, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Co-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 Mark Busse
SECONDED by Kaile Shilling

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
(Hanna Cho and Henry Heng Lu absent for the vote)

Leave of Absence Requests

THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Ashley Daniel Foot and Kareen Hassib for this meeting.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

Approval of Minutes

THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee approve the minutes from the meeting of Tuesday, May 26, 2026, as circulated.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

1. Member Updates and Reflections

The Committee extended their collective gratitude to City staff, Council and Liaisons for their support over the Committee term, and expressed appreciation for the collective effort and expertise represented in this committee over its term.

2. Annual Report Approval

The Co-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

3. Working Session Updates

The Committee provided updates on the working session held Tuesday, June 23, 2026.

4. Liaison Updates

All liaisons present provided updates, in addition to previously circulated updates.

5. Subcommittee Updates

None.

6. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

The Committee adjourned at 6:06 pm.

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