



ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 27, 2026

A meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 5:44 pm, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Shora Parvaresh, Chair
Noor Abouchehade
Mark Busse
Hanna Cho
Brent Constantine
John Steil
Kaile Shilling, Vice-Chair

ABSENT: Diane Brown (Leave of Absence)
Joshua Beamish (Leave of Absence)
Ashley Daniel Foot (Leave of Absence)
Brian McBay (Leave of Absence)
Henry Heng Lu (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Pete Fry, Council Liaison
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung, Council Liaison
Commissioner Laura Christensen, Vancouver Park Board Liaison
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: Irina Green, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Meeting Coordinator provided a land acknowledgment and members participated in a roundtable check-in.

Modified Procedures

MOVED by Kaile Shilling
SECONDED by Brent Constantine

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 Joshua Beamish, Diane Brown, Ashley Daniel Foot, Brian McBay, and Henry Heng Lu for this meeting.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

Approval of Minutes

THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee approve the minutes from the meeting of Tuesday, November 18, 2025, as circulated.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

1. Appointment of Chair(s)

THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee appoint Ashley Daniel Foot and Shora Parvaresh as Committee Co-Chairs for a period ending November 1, 2026;

FURTHER THAT the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee appoint Kaile Shilling as Committee Vice-Chair for a period ending November 1, 2026.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

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At this point in the meeting, Shora Parvaresh assumed the Chair.

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2. Annual Report Approval

Postponed to a future meeting.

3. Liaison Updates

All liaisons present provided updates or comments in addition to previously circulated updates.

4. Subcommittee Updates

None.

5. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, March 31, 2026
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall
/ Teams Meeting

The Committee adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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