

BLOOMINGTON ARTS COMMISSION

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

January 14, 2026, 5:15 to 6:15 pm

Hybrid Meeting:

In person: Gerard, Betsy, Nada, Christina, Paul, Leila, Gretchen, Lynn, Brandie

Online: Nia

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order/Welcome
2. BAC Minutes/Financials
  - a. Minutes from the December 2025 meeting were distributed and approved.
  - b. Holly reported that the budget was reconfigured this year. Our budget this year is from the local income tax fund: we have \$130,000 for grants and \$50,000 from the Urban Enterprise Association. We also have \$5000 for workshops for early-career artists. There is also \$16,500 for Public Art Projects that will be held until there is a decision on which public art projects will be pursued in the year ahead.
3. City Updates
  - a. A city council liaison, Sydney Zulich, has been assigned to the BAC and will be an advocate for us. She will attend some of our meetings.
  - b. We will launch our public art database and create a publicly accessible map. This will launch at the end of the month.
4. Update: Public Art
  - a. The final 5 applicants for the Convention Center project have been selected. The list will be released at the CIB meeting, and the finalists will submit their proposals for review. The public will be able to provide feedback on the proposals as soon as they are made available online. After this, the finalist will be selected.
  - b. The project is being run through the Capital Improvement Board, and the board will have the final say.
  - c. The public art subcommittee will sit in on some interviews and will make a final recommendation to the CIB.
5. Update: Grants - Leila
  0. Leila is leaving the Commission and will hand over Grants leadership to Paul and Gerard.
6. From your Chair - Gerard
  - a. The task force met and updated the new strategic goals document to be more concise and condensed. It is shorter and includes best practices for grants.
  - b. Paul suggested that we include information about engaging the community with art.
  - c. We will be voting on the strategic goals document at the next meeting.
  - d. Discussion of priorities: Paul suggested that we come up with a way to foster conversations about how arts organizations can collaborate.

There are events that are already happening that Holly and Chaz are planning, and perhaps a workshop/panel could happen in the fall.

- e. Brandie suggested creating cohort models that would help build relationships.
- f. Paul and Gerard will work on aligning the schedule of grants with how the city processes the funds.
- g. Gerard asked for recommendations for presentations at our meetings.

7. [Upcoming events and important dates](#)

8. Commissioner Announcements

9. Public comment

10. Call to adjourn

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