

BLOOMINGTON ARTS COMMISSION

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

April 8, 2026, 5:15 to 6:09 pm

Hybrid Meeting:

In person: Nick Blandford, Gerard Pannekoek, Christina Elem, Paul Anderson, Gretchen Nall, Austin White, Lynn Hooker

Remote: Jane Kupersmith, Betsy Stirratt

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order/Welcome
2. BAC Minutes
 - a. Minutes from the February 2026 meeting were distributed and approved
3. Staff Report: Nick Blandford
 - a. Hiring updates: A candidate for the Special Project position has been identified. Interviews are still taking place for the Assistant Director position.
 - b. Arts Projects Support Grants status is live. There are two dozen applications so far, but please use your word of mouth to get the word out.
 - c. The convention Center art is moving ahead and there will be some public sessions to get feedback. These will be announced later.
4. From your Chair: Gerard sitting in for Nada
 - a. We welcome the new commissioner Austin White
 - b. Remind Commissioners to fill out attendance form so that we can have quorum at each meeting.
5. Public Art: Christina Elem, Subcommittee Chair
 - a. most of the artists have visited Bloomington and proposals are due April 10. There will be interviews April 20-May 1 and the public art subcommittee will take recommendations to the CIB. The CIB will make the final decision.
 - b. There was a call for proposals for a mural project near the Mill outside Soma Coffee. It is not an official BAC project, and IU and the Mill will be choosing the finalist. IU is also contracting it.
6. Grants: Gerard Pannecoek and Paul Anderson, Subcommittee Chairs
 - a. Arts Project Support grants are live.
 - b. Gerard and Paul updated the guidelines and the application for the Arts Project Grant, and they will also update the grants application and guidelines for the next two grant cycles.
 - c. They also defined the grant period more specifically and clarified that students can apply but not use grant funding toward degree requirements.
 - d. A funding restrictions list was created based on an IAC list. They also honed the evaluation criteria so that the application flows and follows the evaluation form.

e. the city hopes the new assistant director of the arts will use the final reports to inform the city on the use of funds.

f. there was a vote on the eligibility criteria, and the grant committee passed the changes.

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

8. Commissioner Announcements

9. Public comment

10. Call to adjourn

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