

## BLOOMINGTON ARTS COMMISSION

### *FULL COMMISSION MEETING*

May 13, 2026, 5:15 to 5:50 pm

#### Hybrid Meeting:

In person: Nada Abdelrahim, Gerard Pannekoek, Betsy Stirratt, Paul Anderson, Gretchen Nall, Austin White, Robert Shakespeare, Rebecca Keogh

#### A G E N D A

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Roll call
2. BAC Minutes
  - a. Minutes from the April 2026 meeting were distributed and approved
3. Staff Report: Christina Elem and Jane Kupersmith
  - a. Financial report: no activity to report except a 2024 grant was paid out.
  - b. Hiring updates: New hire for Assistant Director for the Arts will be announced soon.
  - c. Jennifer Crossley will be doing a training course for all Commissioners that we must attend. Changes in attendance and quorum will also change. Trainings will start in June. Commissioners who will be leaving in January must still attend the training.
4. Public Art: Christina Elem, Staff
  - a. Public engagement was high for the Convention Center proposals, with the proposals available at the farmers market and other places for public input. The public selected the wisteria proposal, and the CIB will make the final decision.
5. From your Chair: Nada Abdelrahim
  - a. We welcome new commissioners Rebecca Keogh and Austin White.
  - b. There was a vote to add the two commissioners to the subcommittees.
    - i. Austin will join the grants committee and Rebecca will join the Public Art subcommittee.
    - ii. Rebecca has applied to be the Chair of the Public Art subcommittee.
    - iii. The board moved and voted to make Rebecca lead the Public Art subcommittee. The board moved and voted for Austin to join the grants committee.
6. Grants: Gerard Pannekoek and Paul Anderson, Subcommittee Chairs
  - a. Arts Project Support grants are all in and there were 78 applications.
  - b. Gerard and Paul updated the guidelines and the application for the Arts
  - c. Reviews will take place on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Location to be determined.
  - d. Artistic Advancement grants will open to applications toward the end of May or early June.
  - e. Grants take a while to read through. We might have a character count on future applications.

7. [Upcoming events and important dates](#)
8. Commissioner Announcements
9. Public comment
10. Call to adjourn

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