



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

### Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2025, 6:00 p.m.  
Civic Center Branch Library  
Conference Room  
365 F St, Chula Vista

Present: Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Kohse, Commissioner Muraoka, Commissioner Rufolo, Commissioner Ruiz, Commissioner Ward, Chair Bishop

Absent: Commissioner Jing, Commissioner Sablan, Vice-Chair Zavala

Also Present: Principal Librarian & Cultural Arts Manager Magbanua, Librarian III Ytuarte

*Minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the agenda.*

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Chair Bishop and Vice Chair Zavala, Commissioner Ward was nominated to be temporarily appointed as Chair Pro Tem.

**Moved by** Commissioner Kohse

**Seconded by** Commissioner Brady

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Kohse, Commissioner Muraoka, Commissioner Rufolo, and Commissioner Ward

**Result: Carried (5 to 0)**

*A special meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 6:15 p.m. in Conference Room, located in Civic Center Library, Chula Vista California.*

**2. ROLL CALL**

*Secretary Magbanua called the roll.*

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 3.1 through 3.2)**

Commission approve the recommended action on the below consent calendar items.

ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

**3.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Robert expressed concerns about the use of unspecified last names in minutes.

Commission approved the minutes dated: March 5, 2025 with recommended changes to naming conventions for future minutes.

**Moved by** Commissioner Ward

**Seconded by** Commissioner Muraoka

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Kohse, Commissioner Muraoka, Commissioner Rufolo, and Commissioner Ward

**Result: Carried (5 to 0)**

Chair Bishop arrived at 6:20 p.m.

ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

**3.2 Written Communications**

Commissioner Muraoka expressed concerns about absences.

Commission excused the absences.

**Moved by** Commissioner Ward

**Seconded by** Commissioner Muraoka

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (6): Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Kohse, Commissioner Muraoka, Commissioner Rufolo, Commissioner Ward, and Chair Bishop

**Result: Carried (6 to 0)**

Commissioner Ruiz arrived at 6:30 p.m.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Eric Rosciam spoke about the elimination of the Southwestern College Art Gallery.

Robert spoke about the problems of the proceedings of the previous Commission meeting.

#### **5. PRESENTATIONS**

##### **5.1 Presentation on Cultural Arts Updates**

Principal Librarian and Cultural Arts Manager Magbanua presented on latest arts updates for the City, including Casa Casillas, Call for Artists, McCandliss Arts Awards, and ArtFest.

#### **6. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **6.1 2025 Performing and Visual Arts Grant Review Panel Recommendations to City Council**

*Chair Bishop pulled the item to be heard at the next meeting.*

##### **6.2 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Local Arts Agency Learning Network Cohort Capacity-Building Grant**

Commission recommended that the Local Arts Agency Learning Network Cohort Capacity-Building Grant proposal be centered around maximizing grants and fundraising for the City's cultural arts efforts.

**Moved by** Commissioner Ward

**Seconded by** Commissioner Kohse

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (7): Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Kohse, Commissioner Muraoka, Commissioner Rufolo, Commissioner Ruiz, Commissioner Ward, and Chair Bishop

**Result: Carried (7 to 0)**

## OTHER BUSINESS

### 7. STAFF COMMENTS

Principal Librarian and Cultural Arts Manager announced the recent poetry program at the library and gave a reminder about the upcoming City budget presentations.

### 8. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Bishop gave reminder about the need for decorum during meetings and expressed regret about being unable to present at recent Council meeting where Art, Culture, and Creativity Month proclamation was made. She also made a referral to staff about a possible presentation about the Southwestern College Art Gallery status.

### 9. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Commissioner Brady mentioned the unused facilities in the city for potential arts programming, her ongoing mosaic project, and the need for low-cost performance spaces.
- Commissioner Ruiz announced the closing event for the Art Through the Glass project.
- Commissioner Muraoka requested assistance with the Odawara Youth Ambassador Exchange program.
- Commissioner Kohse mentioned an opportunity for South Bay popular arts creators at Seaport Village.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by: Erwin Magbanua, Secretary*

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