

**City of Chula Vista**  
**Regular Cultural Arts Commission Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

April 1, 2026, 6:00 p.m.  
Civic Center Branch Library  
Conference Room  
365 F St, Chula Vista

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Rufolo, Vice Chair Kohse, Chair Bishop

Absent: Commissioner Muraoka, Commissioner Sablan

Also Present: Commissioner Echevarria, Deputy City Attorney Gilmore, Principal Librarian & Cultural Arts Manager Magbanua

Minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the agenda.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*A regular meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 6:09 p.m. in Conference Room 103, located in Building A, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista California.*

**2. ROLL CALL**

*Secretary Magbanua called the roll.*

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 Presentation by Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Shannon Bullock on Arts Programs at Recreation Centers**

Commission heard the presentation.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 4.1 through 4.2)**

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

**Moved by** Commissioner Kohse  
**Seconded by** Commissioner Rufolo

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (4): Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Rufolo, Vice Chair Kohse, Chair Bishop

**Result:Carried (4 to 0)**

**4.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Approve the minutes dated: March 4, 2026

**4.2 Written Communications**

Consider Requests for Excused Absence, Commissioners Echevarria, Kohse, and Rufolo from the March 4, 2026 Cultural Arts Commission meeting.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Robert commented on the requirements for minute-taking in meetings.

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

**6.1 Discuss the 2026 Performing and Visual Arts Grant**

Recommendation to provide up to a maximum of \$6,000 per selected project for the 2026 Performing and Visual Grants award.

**Moved by** Commissioner Kohse  
**Seconded by** Commissioner Rufolo

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (4): Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Rufolo, Vice Chair Kohse, Chair Bishop

**Result:Carried (4 to 0)**

Robert made a public comment criticizing the order of public comments in the action item.

Recommendation to include facility use fees as an eligible expense for grant awardees.

**Moved by** Commissioner Kohse  
**Seconded by** Commissioner Brady

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (4): Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Rufolo, Vice Chair Kohse, Chair Bishop

**Result: Carried (4 to 0)**

**6.2 Discuss the 2026 Chula Vista ArtFest**

At the request of Vice Chair Kohse, there was consensus to add an item to a future agenda regarding a potential community arts event at the South Chula Vista Library.

**6.3 Discuss the Sister City Program**

Item was discussed.

**7. STAFF COMMENTS**

Principal Librarian and Cultural Arts Manager Magbanua provided updates on Casa Casillas and City budget meetings. Deputy City Attorney Gilmore announced upcoming Brown Act trainings at all board and commission meetings and reminded commissioners about appropriately representing themselves at public functions.

**8. CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

Chair Bishop apologized to Robert regarding his public comments complaint.

**9. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

- Commissioner Brady commented on the study of performing arts centers in San Diego and their benefits and recommended the need for low cost performance venues in Chula Vista.
- Commissioner Echevarria supported Commissioner Brady's ideas and suggested the Balboa Park Centro Cultural de la Raza as a model to emulate.
- Commissioner Rufolo expressed wish to have a culinary competition at ArtFest and agreed with Commissioner Brady on the need for more performing arts venues.
- Vice Chair Kohse suggested a South by Southwest-style event at Southwestern College and gave an update as the Community Choice award judge for this year's Sweetwater Union High School District art show.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by: Erwin Magbanua, Secretary*

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