

# Arts Commission - Meeting Minutes Draft

Tuesday, November 25, 2025  
Central Library Events Room A/Teams  
Meeting called to order at 4:34 PM by Audrey Overstreet

**Public Comment:** Citizens are invited to address the Arts Commission on any topic not on the agenda. 3 Minutes each.

- *None*

## Attendance:

- Commission Members Present: Audrey Overstreet, Suzanne Ostersmith, Eva Silverstone, Julie Shepard, Chris Maccini, Kelly Baker, Don Hamilton
- Commission Members Not Present: None
- Non-Voting Members Present:
- *Quorum Present:* Yes
- Staff Members Present: Lisa Edwards

**Minutes:** Minutes from 10/28/2025 approved unanimously.

## Briefing Session:

- **Chair Report - Audrey Overstreet**
  - James Pakootas will be returning from his leave of absence
  - Update on Spokane Arts Fund Board meeting
  - Update on Municipal Arts Plan- forming a MAP subcommittee, email Audrey if interested
- **Secretary Report - Lisa Edwards**
  - Update on City emails
  - Proposal to invite Arts leaders to attend/present at Commission meetings
- **SPKN Arts Executive Director Report- Audrey Overstreet read update from Skyler Oberst**
  - SAGA panel done with work
  - Working with DSP to plan downtown murals
  - Youth Poet Laureate call and MOU in progress- Skyler will email Commissioners with details
  - Skyler expressed gratitude for the two year contract extension
- **Governance Update - Suzanne Ostersmith**
  - Information about Commissioner selection process shared
  - Four names were sent to the Mayor
  - Emails will be sent to the new Commissioners tomorrow (11/26)
  - Next round will begin in February

**Current Agenda:** The current agenda was approved.

## Informational, Discussion and/or Action Items:

- **Handbook Draft**
  - Presentation provided by: Suzanne Ostersmith
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.
- **Arts Events**
  - Presentation Provided by: Arts Commissioners
  - Questions asked and answered

- Discussion ensued

Meeting Adjourned at 6:02 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Arts Commission Meeting is on Tuesday, January 27, 2026.