ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Letts Community Center

January 5, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS: Morgan Butts – Chair (4th); Charles Calati – Secretary (At-Large); Shirley Carter-Powell (At-Large); Diane Gardin (At-Large); Mary Toshach (At-Large); Alyssa Turcsak (4th); Stephanie Palaygi (4th)

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

1. **ROLL CALL** - The Chair called the role. All members were present except Gardin who was excused.

2. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA -** The Chair called for any additions or deletions to the agenda.

3. **AGENDA APPROVAL** - Calati moved that we approve the Agenda as presented. It was seconded by Carter-Powell and approved by voice vote.

4. **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

   A. December, 2025 Minutes - A motion was made by Calati and seconded by Palaygi to approve the minutes. It passed unanimously.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

   A. There was no new business.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

   A. Priority Setting and annual report preparation – The Chair began the discussion of priority setting by reviewing the 5 areas that had been adopted at the last meeting. After much discussion, it was agreed that the full Board would work on the priorities beginning with the first two of governance strategy and recruitment. The Chair offered to prepare a questionnaire to send to the members that would be discussed at the next meeting. The purpose of which is to obtain a understanding of what skills the current members will bring the Commission and what skills the Board should be looking for in new members. (A copy of the questionnaire which was sent is attached.) Staff reported that she is working on the annual report which will be presented to the Board for approval.

   B. ArtPath Project – Staffed asked that this report be deferred

   C. Bridge Art – Staff distributed a draft RFP. She said that she would send a request for proposals for the Board's approval once all the information from MDOT and others is received

7. **UPDATES** a

   A. Mayor's Office – Staff reported on the Mayor's Budget Hearing that is scheduled on Thusday, January 8 from 6 to 8 pm at the new elections office which is located at Jolly and Washington. Board attendance was enc

   B. Other -

8. **INFORMATION**

   A. None

9. **STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS**

   All meetings of the Mayor's Arts and Culture Board shall be open to the public. Those in attendance shall

have the opportunity to speak on any issue related to arts not otherwise on the agenda at the end of the meeting and may speak on any agenda issue during the meeting after Arts and Culture board members have had an opportunity to discuss the issue or prior to the board voting on the issue. The Chair may impose a time limit on public comments.

10. **ADJOURN** – Calati moved and Turcsak seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 pm.