



Milwaukee County

Meeting Minutes Cultural, Artistic & Musical Programming Advisory Council

Chairperson: VACANT

Vice-Chairperson: Katharina Hren

Oscar Tovar

Carol Pritzlaff Voss

Dr. Barbara Leigh

Antoine Carter

LaShawndra Vernon

Rayhainio A. Boynes

Jeanette Arellano

Council Support Staff:

Advisory Council Coordinator: Kelsey A. Evans

Departmental Resource Contact: James "Jim" Tarantino

Friday, December 5, 2025

12:30 PM

Microsoft Teams
County Legislative Information Center

VIRTUAL MEETING

This meeting was live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center:
<https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Call To Order

Roll Call at 12:37 p.m.

Present: 4 - Leigh, Vernon, Arellano, and Hren

Absent: 4 - Tovar, Voss, Carter, and Boynes

Upon convening at 12:37 p.m., the roll was taken, and four members were present. While a quorum was not present, the Council considered information only files.

Council Member Antoine Carter was not present at the time the roll was called, but appeared shortly thereafter.

Council Members Carol Pritzlaff Voss and Rayhainio A. Boynes were not present at the time the roll was called, but appeared later in the meeting.

CULTURAL, ARTISTIC, AND MUSICAL PROGRAMMING ADVISORY COUNCIL - 5

- 1 [HRA25-268](#) Election of a Chairperson of the Cultural, Artistic, and Musical Programming Advisory Council.
(ACTION ITEM)
- APPEARANCES:**
Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk
- A motion was made by Council Member Leigh that Council Member Hren be **NOMINATED** for the position of Chairperson of the Advisory Council.
- NOMINATIONS** were **CLOSED**, and the roll was called on the motion that Council Member Hren be **ELECTED** Chairperson of the Advisory Council. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:
- Ayes:** 5 - Leigh, Carter, Vernon, Arellano and Hren
- Absent:** 3 - Tovar, Voss and Boynes
- 2 [HRA25-269](#) Election of a Vice-Chairperson of the Cultural, Artistic, and Musical Programming Advisory Council.
(ACTION ITEM)
- APPEARANCE:**
Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk
- A motion was made by Council Member Carter that Council Member Carter be **NOMINATED** for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Council.
- NOMINATIONS** were **CLOSED**, and the roll was called on the motion that Council Member Carter be **ELECTED** Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Council. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:
- Ayes:** 5 - Leigh, Carter, Vernon, Arellano and Hren
- Absent:** 3 - Tovar, Voss and Boynes
- 3 [HRA25-270](#) Discussion Regarding Recruitment of Members for Vacancies on the Cultural, Artistic, and Musical Programming Advisory Council.
(INFORMATION ONLY)
- APPEARANCES:**
Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk
Sandra "Sandy" Saltzstein, Research and Policy Analyst, Research Services, Office of the Comptroller
- This Informational Report was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**.

- 4 [HRA25-271](#) Discussion Regarding Various Funding Models for Future Cultural, Artistic, and Musical Programming Advisory Council Allocation Years. **(INFORMATION ONLY)**

Attachments: [HRA25-271 REPORT \(12/02/25\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

James "Jim" Tarantino, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

The following people appeared and spoke for information only regarding this Informational Report:

Christine Hojnacki, Executive Director, ImagineMKE

Jenny Gropp, Woodland Pattern

Chad Bauman, Ellen and Joe Checota Executive Director, Milwaukee Repertory Theater

Jason Haas, Director of Outreach, Optimist Theater

This Informational Report was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

- 5 [HRA25-272](#) Discussion Regarding Community Engagement Strategy for the Development of an Alternative Funding Model in Future Cultural, Artistic, and Musical Programming Advisory Council Allocation Years. **(INFORMATION ONLY)**

Attachments: [HRA25-272 MKECOUNTYPARKS.ORG \(12/05/25\)](#)

APPEARANCE:

James "Jim" Tarantino, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

Mr. Tarantino shared examples of public engagement pages, which is hyperlinked to this file as "25-272 MKECOUNTYPARKS.ORG (12/05/25)."

This Informational Report was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

E-COMMENTS - 1

6 [25-59](#) eComments submitted to the Cultural, Artistic, and Musical Programming Advisory Council via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).

*The Office of the County Clerk collects eComments submitted via CLIC, and appends these official public records to Reference File No. 25-59 at the conclusion of each meeting.

Attachments: [25-59 eComments \(12/05/25\)](#)

APPEARANCE:

Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

The December 5, 2025, record of eComments is attached to this file as "25-59 eComments (12/05/25)."

The December 5, 2025, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

The foregoing items were not considered in agenda order.

Length of Meeting: 12:37 p.m. to 1:53 p.m.

Adjourned,

**Kelsey A. Evans
Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services
Office of the County Clerk
Cultural, Artistic, and Musical Programming Advisory Council**

Deadline for Next Meeting:

The Cultural, Artistic, and Musical Programming Advisory Council meets at the Call of the Advisory Council Chairperson.

The next meeting date is to be determined.