



Milwaukee County

Meeting Minutes Cultural, Artistic & Musical Programming Advisory Council

*Chairperson: Katharina Hren
Vice-Chairperson: Antoine Carter
Carol Pritzlaff Voss - Dr. Barbara Leigh
LaShawndra Vernon - Rayhainio A. Boynes
Jeanette Arellano - Vacant
Vacant*

*Council Support Staff:
Advisory Council Coordinator: Kelsey A. Nyen
Departmental Resource Contact: James "Jim" Tarantino*

Thursday, April 16, 2026

12:00 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 12:07 p.m.

Present: 3 - Vernon, Boynes, and Hren

Absent: 4 - Voss, Leigh, Carter, and Arellano

Upon convening at 12:07 p.m., the roll was taken and three members were present. The Advisory Council commenced with the meeting agenda without quorum, and no votes were taken wherever the minutes indicate an Action Report.

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

CULTURAL, ARTISTIC, AND MUSICAL PROGRAMMING ADVISORY COUNCIL - 5

- 1 [HRA26-479](#) Discussion regarding incorporation of social cohesion into the application scoring rubric.
(ACTION ITEM)
- Attachments:** [HRA26-479 SOCIAL COHESION INDEX](#)
 [HRA26-479 CAMPAC FUNDING APPLICATION \(2025 CYCLE\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Celia Benton, Director, Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services

Ms. Benton provided an electronic document, which is attached to this file as "HRA26-479 CAMPAC FUNDING APPLICATION (2025 CYCLE)."

This Hearings, Reports, and Attachments Action Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

Items 2 through 4 were considered together.

- 2 [HRA26-480](#) Discussion regarding the Advisory Council's involvement in the application review process.
(ACTION ITEM)

APPEARANCES:

Celia Benton, Director, Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services

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

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

The Action Reports associated with Hearings, Reports, and Attachments Items 2 through 4 were considered together.

The Hearings, Reports, and Attachments Action Reports associated with Items 2 through 4 were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 3 [HRA26-481](#) Discussion regarding calendaring of future application windows and establishing regularity in final allocation meetings.

(ACTION ITEM)

APPEARANCES:

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The Hearings, Reports, and Attachments Action Reports associated with Items 2 through 4 were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 4 [HRA26-482](#) Discussion regarding the newly adopted funding strategy as it pertains specifically to cornerstone organizations, and distribution of unallocated balances.

(ACTION ITEM)

Attachments: [HRA26-482 CAMPAC FUNDING STRATEGY - 2026](#)

APPEARANCES:

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Ms. Benton shared an electronic document, which is attached to this file as "HRA26-482 CAMPAC FUNDING STRATEGY - 2026."

The Action Reports associated with Hearings, Reports, and Attachments Items 2 through 4 were considered together.

The Hearings, Reports, and Attachments Action Reports associated with Items 2 through 4 were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 5 [HRA26-483](#) Discussion regarding submission to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in the May meeting cycle, and Advisory Council attendance at the next meeting of the Committee on Parks and Culture.
(INFORMATION ONLY)

APPEARANCES:

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

This Hearings, Reports, and Attachments Information Report was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

E-COMMENTS - 1

- 6 [26-54](#) 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. 26-54 at the conclusion of each meeting.

Attachments: [26-54 eComments \(04/16/26\)](#)

APPEARANCE:

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

The April 16, 2026, record of eComments is attached to this file as "26-54 eComments (04/16/26)."

The April 16, 2026, record of eComments was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

The foregoing items were not considered in agenda order.

Length of Meeting: 12:07 to 1:18 p.m.

Adjourned,

**Kelsey A. Nyen
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.