



# Milwaukee County

## Meeting Minutes Cultural, Artistic & Musical Programming Advisory Council

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

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

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Monday, March 9, 2026

12:30 PM

Microsoft Teams  
County Legislative Information Center

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### 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 12:36 p.m.

**Present:** 5 - Tovar, Carter, Vernon, Boynes, and Hren

**Absent:** 3 - Voss, Leigh, and Arellano

**CULTURAL, ARTISTIC, AND MUSICAL PROGRAMMING ADVISORY COUNCIL - 4**

- 1      [HRA26-408](#)      Discussion of the Cultural, Artistic, and Musical Programming Advisory Council's Placement as a Funding Body, including purpose definition, resource deployment, and future direction.  
**(ACTION ITEM) (01/30/26 Meeting: Laid Over for One Meeting)**

**APPEARANCE:**

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

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

- 2      [HRA26-453](#)      Feedback Provided by the Committee on Parks and Culture Regarding the Fund for the Arts Survey.  
**(INFORMATION ONLY)**

**Attachments:**      [HRA26-453 PARKS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE VIDEO \(03/03/26\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

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

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

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

- 3      [HRA26-454](#)      Advancing A Funding Model for Future Cultural, Artistic, and Musical Programming Advisory Council Allocation Years, and Proposing Final Recommendations to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.  
**(ACTION ITEM)**

**Attachments:**      [HRA26-454 FUNDING SCENARIOS \(03/06/26\)](#)  
                                 [HRA26-454 SOCIAL COHESION HANDBOOK \(03/09/26\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

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

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

Council Member Vernon shared an electronic document, which is attached to this Hearings, Reports, and Attachments (HRA) file as "HRA26-454 SOCIAL COHESION HANDBOOK (03/09/26)."

A motion was made by Council Member Carter, and seconded by Council Member Vernon, that Funding Scenario 1, as outlined in the HRA file attachment "HRA26-454 FUNDING SCENARIOS (03/06/25)," be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION** to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 5 - Tovar, Carter, Vernon, Boynes and Hren

**Absent:** 3 - Voss, Leigh and Arellano

A motion was made by Council Member Vernon, and seconded by Council Member Tovar, that the Cultural, Artistic, and Musical Programming funding application be **AMENDED** to add Social Cohesion to the scoring rubric, as a metric to measure organizational impact. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 5 - Tovar, Carter, Vernon, Boynes and Hren

**Absent:** 3 - Voss, Leigh and Arellano

- 4      [HRA26-455](#)      Discussion Regarding State and Federal Advocacy Efforts for Funding for the Arts.  
**(INFORMATION ONLY)**

Attachments:      [HRA26-455 PRESS RELEASE \(03/09/26\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

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

Council Member Tovar shared an electronic press release, which is attached to this HRA file as "HRA26-455 PRESS RELEASE (03/09/26)."

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

**E-COMMENTS - 1**

- 5      [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.

**APPEARANCE:**

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

There were no eComments submitted for the March 9, 2026, meeting.

The March 9, 2026, record of eComments was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**Length of Meeting: 12:36 p.m. to 1:25 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.