



City and County of San Francisco

Daniel Lurie, Mayor

Draft minutes for Executive Committee, May 27, 2026



Chair Collins called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Changes, Land Acknowledgment (0:08)

Commissioners Present

Chuck Collins, President

Janine Shiota, Vice President

JD Beltran

McKenna Quint

Commissioners Absent

Marcus Shelby

Staff Present

Sarah Hollenbeck, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration

Ebon Glenn, Deputy Director of Programs

Manraj Dhaliwal, Commission Secretary

No agenda changes were made.

President Collins announced the public meeting instructions
Commission Secretary Manraj Dhaliwal announce the public meeting instructions.

Commissioner Beltran began the meeting by reading the Arts Commission's land acknowledgement statement.

2. General Public Comment

(6:15)

There was no public comment.

3. Fiscal Year 27 Cultural Center Grants

(7:00)

Deputy Director of Programs Ebon Glenn announced an 8.8% increase in funding across all Cultural Center grants, reflecting the agency's efforts to maintain and strengthen support for these important community institutions. The grants support the operations, maintenance, and programming of the African American Art & Culture Complex, Bayview Opera House, SOMArts, and the virtual cultural centers serving American Indian, Asian Pacific Islander, and LGBTQ+ communities.

Commissioners discussed how the grant funds are distributed, including cost-of-doing-business funding intended to help organizations address operational and capacity needs. They also discussed the importance of maintaining regular communication with Cultural Center operators, particularly in light of recent challenges facing some community organizations. Commissioners emphasized the need to ensure that cultural centers remain sustainable, accessible, and responsive to community needs.

Commissioners praised Arts Commission staff for securing additional funding despite ongoing city budget constraints and recognized the critical role Cultural Centers play in supporting artists, cultural organizations, and neighborhood communities throughout San Francisco.

Commissioner Beltran, seconded by Commissioner Quint, moved to approve Cultural Center Grants.

There was no public comment.

The motion was unanimously approved.

4. FY 25-26 and FY 26-27 Symphony Contract (24:10)

Deputy Director of Finance and Administration Sarah Hollenbeck noted the agreement fulfills a Charter requirement that allocates a portion of City property tax revenues to support the Symphony, including one free outdoor concert and twelve performances at Davies Symphony Hall during each season covered by the contract. The estimated contract amount is \$9.2 million, with a total not-to-exceed amount of \$9.5 million.

Commissioners discussed the historical significance of the Symphony funding provision, noting that it dates back to the creation of the Arts Commission and reflects San Francisco's long-standing commitment to making arts and culture accessible to the public. Commissioners also acknowledged the recent appointment of the Symphony's Music Director.

Commissioner Beltran, seconded by Vice President Shiota, moved to approve FY 25-26, FY 26-27 Symphony Contract.

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There was no public comment.

The motion was unanimously approved.

5. New Business and Announcements

(34:02)

President Collins requested that staff provide the Commission with an update on ongoing City streamlining efforts and any potential impacts on the Arts Commission at a future meeting. Commissioners also shared announcements about notable arts and cultural events, including the new expansion of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the San Francisco Symphony's upcoming performances under its new Music Director, and upcoming exhibitions featuring artists Maren Hassinger and Mildred Howard...

There was no public comment.

6. Adjournment

(38:10)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 pm

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Policies

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Ang mga kaganapan ng miting ay maaring isalin sa ibang wika matapos ito ay aprobahan ng komisyon.

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2. Public comment will be taken before or during the Committee's consideration of each agenda item. Each speaker will be allowed to speak for the time allotted by the Chair at the top of the meeting or up to three (3) minutes.

3. During General Public Comment, members of the public may address the Commissioners on matters that are within the Arts Commission's jurisdiction and are not on the agenda.

4. Persons who spoke during the public comment period at a meeting of the Arts Commission may supply a brief written summary of the comments to be included in the minutes if it is 150 words or less. The Arts Commission may reject the summary if it exceeds the prescribed word limit or is not an accurate summary of the speaker's public comment.

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Public Comment

Public comment in regard to specific agenda items will be taken before or during consideration of the item. Each speaker may speak for up to three minutes per agenda item, unless the Chair has announced a different length

of time at the beginning of the meeting. Speakers may not transfer their time to another person. Any person speaking during a public comment period may supply a written summary of their comments to be included in the minutes if it is 150 words or less.

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