



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FULL ARTS COMMISSION

Monday, May 5, 2025

8 a.m.

Special Meeting

Minutes

President Collins called the meeting to order at **8:34 a.m.**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Changes, Land Acknowledgment (0:05)

Commissioners Present

Charles Collins, President

Janine Shiota, Vice President

Patrick Carney

Seth Brenzel

Debra Walker

JD Beltran

Suzie Ferras (arrived at 8:48am)

Marcus Shelby

Jessica Rothschild (left meeting at 12:55pm)

J. Riccardo Benavides (left meeting at 12:50pm)

Lydia So, ex officio

Commissioners Absent

Nabiel Musleh

Mahsa Hakimi

Yiying Lu

Staff Present:

Ralph Remington, Director of Cultural Affairs

Ebon Glenn, Deputy Director of Programs

Sarah Hollenbeck, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration

Alyssa Ventra, Chief of Staff

Manraj Dhaliwal, Commission Secretary



Coma Te, Director of Communications
Mary Chu, Director of Civic Art Collection and Public Art Program
Denise Pate, Director of Community Investments
Carolina Aranibar-Fernandez, Director of Galleries & Public Programs

President Collins asked for any agenda changes. No agenda changes were made.

President Collins announced the public meeting instructions.

President Collins began the meeting by reading the Arts Commission's land acknowledgment statement.

2. General Public Comment **(4:23)**

Public Comment

Niloufar Talebi, artist and author shared that she felt there was a lack of transparency and disclosure during the panel process for applicants applying for grants through the Arts Commission. Talebi asked to see more disclosed specific criteria and to explore a remedy to the situation with additional funding or any other options.

There was no additional public comment.

3. Consent Calendar **(8:51)**

President Collins introduced all consent calendar items.

Commissioner Beltran, seconded by Commissioner Walker moved to approve all consent calendar items.

Commissioner Walker disclosed that some artists live in the same building that she lives in.



Commissioner Beltran disclosed she is a member of a writing cooperative and one of the grantee's is also a member.

There was no public comment.

The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 0505-25-063:

Approval: RESOLVED, that this Commission does hereby adopt the following items on the Consent Calendar and their related Resolutions:

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 0505-25-064:** Motion to approve the April 21, 2025, [Civic Design Review Committee Meeting Minutes](#).
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 0505-25-065:** Motion to approve the April 16, 2025, [Visual Arts Committee Meeting Minutes](#).

Civic Design Review Committee Recommendations (April 21, 2025, [link to agenda](#))
Action

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 0505-25-066:** Motion to approve Phase 2 Review for SFFD Division of Training: Phase 2 Review
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 0505-25-067:** Motion to approve Phase 2 Review for Moccasin Engineering & Records Building
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 0505-25-068:** Motion to approve Conceptual & Phase 1 Review SFO Recycled Water System Project - Control Room / Process Building

Visual Arts Committee Recommendations (April 16, 2025, [link to agenda](#))
Action

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 0505-25-069:** Motion to approve *Winter Stream*, a painted stairway design by Tad Sky. The work will be installed on the Upper Detroit Steps between Monterey Blvd. and Joost Ave. in District 7. The mural measures approximately 700 sq. ft. across 115 stairs and adjoining retaining walls. The artwork is funded by local community fundraising and will not become part of the Civic Art Collection. The Detroit Steps Project community group will be responsible for the maintenance of the mural.
7. **RESOLUTION NO. 0505-25-070:** Motion to approve the final selection of works for the second installment of 2025 Art on Market Street Poster Series.
8. **RESOLUTION NO. 0505-25-071:** Motion to approve artist Maria Belen Islas Cuellar for the San Francisco Main Library Temporary Atrium Mural Project, as recommended by the Artist Review Panel.
9. **RESOLUTION NO. 0505-25-072:** Motion to authorize the Director of Cultural Affairs to enter into a contract with Maria Belen Islas Cuellar for an amount not to exceed \$17,000 for the design of a temporary mural for the San Francisco Main Library atrium.
10. **RESOLUTION NO. 0505-25-073:** Motion to approve Nina Chanel Abney, Hank Willis Thomas, and Jenifer Wofford as finalists for the Terminal 3 West Arrivals Art Wall Public Art Project, as recommended by the Artist Review Panel.
11. **RESOLUTION NO. 0505-25-074:** Motion to approve Teresa Baker, Sadie Barnette, and Marcel Pardo Ariza as finalists for the Terminal 3 West Wheelchair Lounge Public Art Project, as recommended by the Artist Review Panel.

Community Investments Committee Recommendations (April 22, 2025, [link to agenda](#))
Action

12. **RESOLUTION NO. 0505-25-075:** Motion to approve the funding recommendations of the San Francisco Artist Grant (SFA) panels, to award 67 grants totaling \$2,005,000 to the following individuals, and to enter into grant agreements with each artist or their fiscal sponsor and to authorize the Director of Cultural Affairs to enter into grant agreements for amounts not to exceed the following at this time:

1. Allan Samson Manalo, \$30,000*
2. Calixto Robles, \$30,000
3. Camille Mai or Rebirth Canal, \$30,000
4. Chinchin Hsu, \$30,000*
5. Cruz Chan (Fiscal Sponsor: Clarion Performing Arts Center), \$30,000*
6. Crystal Vielula, \$30,000
7. Dan Lee or Scrabbel, \$30,000
8. Daniel Parada, \$30,000*
9. David James, \$30,000
10. Dj Juanny, \$25,000*
11. Dregs One, \$30,000
12. D'Vine Angel Riley, \$30,000*
13. Ebti, \$30,000*
14. Eddy Navia, \$30,000
15. Elizabeth Stephens, \$30,000
16. Erin Persley, \$30,000*
17. Evelyn Donají (Fiscal Sponsor: Galeria Studio 24), \$30,000*
18. Evie Leder, \$30,000
19. Goya_Goon, \$30,000
20. Harry Williams, \$30,000*
21. Hope A. Mohr, \$30,000
22. Jarrel Phillips, \$30,000
23. Jazmine Wilson, \$30,000*
24. Jose Esteban Abad, \$30,000
25. Jose Rivera, \$30,000*
26. Jun Yang, \$30,000
27. Keith Hennessy, \$30,000
28. Kim Shuck, \$30,000

29. Laura Gao, \$30,000*
30. Leonard Reidelbach*, \$30,000
31. Liz Cahill, \$30,000*
32. Lorena Jimenez Lopez, \$30,000*
33. Magué Calanche, \$30,000*
34. Marcia Aguilar, \$30,000
35. Mia J. Chong (Fiscal Sponsor: InterMusic SF), \$30,000*
36. Michael Warr, \$30,000
37. Mimi Lok, \$30,000*
38. Natasha Adorlee, \$30,000*
39. NICO CORONA, \$30,000*
40. Pamela Z, \$30,000
41. Paul S. Flores, \$30,000
42. Preeti Vangani, \$30,000
43. Rachel Bundoc Lucero, \$30,000*
44. Raffaella Falchi Macias, \$30,000*
45. Raissa Simpson, \$30,000
46. Ramon Abad, \$30,000
47. RedBone, \$30,000*
48. Rotimi Agbabiaka, \$30,000
49. Sabina Shanti Kariat, \$30,000*
50. SAMI SEE, \$30,000
51. Samuel Melecio-Zambrano, \$30,000*
52. Shelley Wong, \$30,000
53. Shizue Seigel (Fiscal Sponsor: Intersection for the Arts),
\$30,000
54. Shruti Swamy, \$30,000
55. Simone Bailey, \$30,000
56. SirJoQ, \$30,000*
57. Spencer Chang, \$30,000*
58. Stephanie Sherman, \$30,000*
59. SUKAY/Pachamama, \$30,000
60. Tara Dorabji (Fiscal Sponsor: Independent Arts & Media),
\$30,000
61. Tatiana Luboviski-Acosta, \$30,000*
62. Terrence, \$30,000

- 63. Therese Davis, \$30,000
 - 64. Toshio Meronek, \$30,000
 - 65. Tossie Long (Fiscal Sponsor: Independent Arts & Media), \$30,000
 - 66. William Underwood III, \$30,000*
 - 67. Wren Farrell, \$30,000*
- (* indicates new grantee)

13. **RESOLUTION NO. 0505-25-076:** Motion to approve the funding recommendation of the Artistic Legacy Grant (ALG) panel, to award one grant totaling \$75,000 to the following individual, and to authorize the Director of Cultural Affairs to enter into a grant agreement not to exceed the following at this time:

- 1. Mestra Cigarra, \$75,000

14. **RESOLUTION NO. 0505-25-077:** Motion to approve the funding recommendations of the Cultural Equity Initiatives panels, to award 29 grants totaling \$2,275,000 to the following organizations, and to enter into grant agreements with the organization or their fiscal sponsor and to authorize the Director of Cultural Affairs to enter into grant agreements for amounts not to exceed the following at this time:

- 1. Abada-Capoeira San Francisco, \$100,000
- 2. Accion Latina, \$100,000
- 3. Arab Film and Media Institute, \$75,000
- 4. Asian Improv aRts (Fiscal Sponsor: Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Center), \$75,000
- 5. Chinatown Media and Arts Collaborative, \$100,000
- 6. Cubacaribe, \$75,000
- 7. Cuicacalli (Fiscal Sponsor: Brava for Women in the Arts), \$75,000
- 8. David Herrera Performance Company (Fiscal Sponsor: Dancers Group), \$50,000
- 9. Embodiment Project, \$75,000

10. Fools Fury Theater, \$50,000
 11. Friends of Scrap Inc, \$100,000
 12. Golden Thread Productions, \$100,000
 13. Kearny Street Workshop Inc., \$75,000
 14. Lenora Lee Dance (Fiscal Sponsor: Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Center), \$75,000
 15. Loco Bloco (Fiscal Sponsor: Brava for Women in the Arts), \$75,000
 16. Magic Theatre Inc., \$100,000
 17. Marigold Project Inc, \$75,000
 18. Megan Lowe Dances (Fiscal Sponsor: Dancers Group), \$50,000*
 19. Nava Dance Theatre, \$75,000
 20. Performing Arts Workshop Inc., \$100,000
 21. Presidio Performing Arts Foundation, \$75,000
 22. Queer Rebel Productions (Fiscal Sponsor: Intersection for the Arts), \$75,000
 23. San Francisco Transgender Film Festival (Fiscal Sponsor: Fresh Meat Productions), \$75,000
 24. SEW Productions Inc., \$75,000
 25. Sharp and Fine, \$50,000*
 26. Southern Exposure, \$100,000
 27. The Dance Brigade A New Group From Wallflower Order, \$100,000
 28. Three Girls Theatre Company Inc., \$75,000
 29. TurkxTaylor Initiative (Fiscal Sponsor: Uptown Tenderloin Inc.), \$50,000*
- (* indicates new grantee)

15. **RESOLUTION NO. 0505-25-078:** Motion to approve the funding recommendations of the Arts Impact Endowment - Sustaining Ongoing Initiatives Funding Channel panels to award twenty-four (24) grants totaling \$1,675,000, in accordance with the priorities outlined in the Community Services Allocation Plan; and to authorize the Director of Cultural Affairs to enter into grant agreements with each individual or organization or their fiscal sponsor for amounts not to exceed the following at this time:

1. Anne Bluethenthal and Dancers, \$100,000

2. Audium Incorporated, \$100,000*
 3. Brava for Women in the Arts, \$100,000
 4. Fictional Artists Contemporary Theatre San Francisco (FACTSF), \$100,000
 5. Fresh Meat Productions, \$100,000
 6. San Francisco Mime Troupe, \$100,000
 7. Shakespeare-San Francisco, \$100,000
 8. Stagewrite: Building Literacy through Theatre (Fiscal Sponsor: Intersection for the Arts), \$100,000
 9. Support for Intertribal Gatherings (Fiscal Sponsor: Independent Arts & Media), \$100,000*
 10. The Lab SF, \$100,000
 11. Afrolistic, \$50,000
 12. Andrea Horne, \$50,000*
 13. Angela Han, \$50,000
 14. Caroline Julia Cabading, \$50,000
 15. David R. Molina (Fiscal Sponsor: Brava for Women in the Arts), \$50,000
 16. Emmanuel David Blackwell III, \$50,000
 17. Kim Requesto, \$50,000
 18. Michael Gene Sullivan (Fiscal Sponsor: San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Company), \$25,000*
 19. MS WHITE 1ST LADY OF FRISCO, \$50,000*
 20. Rhea Joseph, \$50,000*
 21. Rhodessa Jones (Fiscal Sponsor: Brava for Women in the Arts), \$50,000
 22. Susan Terence (Fiscal Sponsor: Friends of School of the Art Foundation), \$50,000
 23. William Rhodes, \$50,000
 24. Yayoi Kambara, \$50,000
- (* indicates new grantee)

16. **RESOLUTION NO. 0505-25-079:** Motion to approve the funding recommendations of the Arts Impact Endowment - Resilience and Growth Funding Channel panels to award six (6) grants totaling \$500,000, in accordance with the priorities outlined in the Community Services Allocation Plan; and to authorize the Director of Cultural Affairs to enter into grant agreements with each individual or organization or their fiscal sponsor for amounts not to exceed the

following at this time:

1. Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits (Fiscal Sponsor: QCC-The Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Arts & Culture), \$100,000
 2. Kultivate Labs, \$100,000
 3. Roxie Theater, \$100,000
 4. Uptown Tenderloin Inc., \$100,000
 5. Johnny Huy Nguyễn (Fiscal Sponsor: Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Center), \$50,000
 6. Vampi, \$50,000*
- (* indicates new grantee)

17. **RESOLUTION NO. 0505-25-080:** Motion to approve the funding recommendations of the Arts Impact Endowment - New Creative Opportunities Funding Channel panels to award eighteen (18) grants totaling \$1,042,250, in accordance with the priorities outlined in the Community Services Allocation Plan; and to authorize the Director of Cultural Affairs to enter into grant agreements with each individual or organization or their fiscal sponsor for amounts not to exceed the following at this time:

1. Flyaway Productions, \$100,000
2. Joe Goode Performance Group, \$92,900
3. La Lengua Teatro en Español (Fiscal Sponsor: Brava for Women in the Arts), \$50,000*
4. REALSOUL, \$100,000 (Fiscal Sponsor: Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Center)*
5. Celeste Chan, \$50,000
6. Clara Hsu, \$50,000
7. Jethro Patalinghug, \$50,000
8. Jocelyn Reyes, \$50,000
9. Juan de Dios Soto (Fiscal Sponsor: Cultural Y Nativa De Las Americas), \$50,000
10. Kevin Simmonds, \$50,000
11. La Doña (Fiscal Sponsor: Brava for Women in the Arts), \$50,000
12. Mabel Valdiviezo, \$50,000
13. Maria Soledad Sanchez, \$49,350*

- 14. Mary M Guzmán, \$50,000
 - 15. Oscar Penaranda, \$50,000
 - 16. Ranko Ogura, \$50,000
 - 17. Tamu, \$50,000
 - 18. Veronica Blair, \$50,000
- (* indicates new grantee)

4. Strategic Planning and Visioning (11:40)

AMS Planning & Research consultants Amy Frankel and Bill Blake presented data and history of the San Francisco Arts Commission (SFAC) as part of the SFAC's strategic plan.

The meeting went into a brief recess at 10:07 a.m., and the meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m.

The meeting went into a lunch break at 12:08 p.m., and the meeting resumed at 12:30 p.m.

They discussed and facilitated group activities with Commissioners and staff about the agency's purpose, success indicators, and goals.

There was no public comment.

5. Adjournment (49:34)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

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