



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Arts and Cultural Commission

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

4:00 PM

KEDT Board Room,
3205 S. Staples, Corpus Christi, TX 78411

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A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sara Morgan at 4:05 pm.

B. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Sara Morgan, Emily Barrera, Ernest DeLaGarza, Melina Gosa, Oliver Cruz-Milan, Elena Rodriguez, and Adriana Parker

Absent: 2 - Simone Sanders, and Amy Cooley

C. Public Comment

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

1. [26-0474](#) February 24, 2026, Regular Meeting

Attachments: [2026-02-24 Minutes.pdf](#)

Ernest made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Elena and passed unanimously.

E. Unfinished Business

2. [26-0469](#) 2025-2026 Arts Grant Program Update

City Staff shared updates on the 2025 & 2026 arts grant program payments.

3. [26-0471](#) Mural Fest Selection Committee Update

A brief update was given on the initial Mural Fest Selection Committee meeting. Artists have been selected for the upcoming Mural Fest.

F. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action**4. [26-0470](#) Big Check Ceremonial Presentation**

Attachments: [Big Check Ceremonial Presentation Flyer.png](#)

The Big Check Ceremonial Presentation is confirmed for May 19, 2026, at 11:00 AM.

5. [26-0482](#) Review of Amended Arts Grant Proposal

YWCA Corpus Christi had a change in programming, requiring a resubmission of the 2026 Arts Grant Application. The Arts & Cultural Commission voted to deny the application due to the significant changes in programming. Melina made a motion to deny the resubmission, seconded by Adriana and passed unanimously.

6. [26-0472](#) 2026 Arts Forum Discussion

Ideas were shared on the improvement of the Arts Forum event. With the event being called a "forum", Arts & Cultural Commission members felt that organizations should have an opportunity to talk about their programming in a panel format. The Arts & Cultural Commission would like to consider picking one recipient to be awarded, rather than multiple volunteers from various organizations. Contact list for event to be diversified. October 15, 2026, Third Thursday, proposed for the 2026 Arts Forum.

G. Future Agenda Items

2026 Annual Report & Goals Review

H. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm.