



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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Thursday, September 11, 2025

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dorgan called the meeting to order at 5:20pm.

1.A ROLL CALL

Kathy Gore Fuss, Kris Tucker, Freddy Dobler, Sean Barnes and Valerie Roberts were also in attendance.

Present: 7 - Chair Kathryn Dorgan, Commissioner Jim Burlingame, Commissioner Sergio Garcia, Commissioner Coral Garey, Commissioner Katherine Ransom, Commissioner Andrew Repcik and Commissioner Jay Spivak

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Jacie Hoag and Commissioner Christen Greene

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Dorgan asked if there were changes to the agenda. Hearing none the agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[25-0760](#) Approval of August 14, 2025 Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [8.14.25 OAC Minutes](#)

Chair Dorgan asked if there were changes to the minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[25-0761](#) Panel Discussion

Kathy Gore Fuss from South Sound Studio Tour, Kris Tucker from Olympia Arts & Heritage Alliance (Oly AHA, Freddy Dobler from Thurston County Museum of Fine Art (TCMoFA) and Sean Barnes: Leonor R. Fuller Gallery at the Kenneth J. Minnaert Center at SPSCC, spoke to their experience as arts organizations in the community: their missions, goals, and opportunities.

Information only. No action requested.

[25-0762](#) Armory Update

Attachments: [Armory Project Website](#)

Valerie Roberts, Armory Building Manager, provided an update on the upcoming construction at the Armory including final floor plan and space allocations, budget breakdown and rough timeline. She invited Commissioners to the Construction Kick-Off Ceremony on Thursday, September 25, 2-3pm.

Information only. No action requested.

[25-0763](#) Artist Places & Spaces Discussion

Commissioner Garcia led a brief discussion about artist spaces based in part on the panel discussion received earlier in the meeting. Commissioners engaged in discussion about where opportunities might be and determined to bring the topic back during the November and December meetings.

Information only. No action requested.

7. REPORTS

Ms. Johnson provided updates to the public art collection, advisory body review process and board and commission recruitment.

8. OTHER TOPICS

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Upcoming

Accommodations