



# Meeting Minutes

## Cultural Access Program Advisory Board

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**Wednesday, May 20, 2026**

**4:00 PM**

**Room 212**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Meade called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**1.A ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 8 - Chair Melissa Meade, Boardmember Ravi Adigarla, Vice Chair Anne Larsen, Boardmember Bret Anderson, Boardmember Genevieve Chan, Boardmember Diana Fairbanks, Boardmember Nick Howard and Boardmember Morgan Montes

**Excused:** 1 - Boardmember Justin McKaughan

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was provided by Dr. Schuyler Raad.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Board members shared information on upcoming public art events.

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

[26-0381](#) Inspire Olympia Funding Recommendations for 2026 -2028

Staff provided a briefing on projected Cultural Access Fund balance, current program budget, and recommended a Cultural Access in Public Schools funding allocation.

The CAAB members discussed the ranges of scores advanced from the Review Panels and their experience with the review process in general. They explored options for adjusting the panel-recommended funding ranges, considering different options for rendering a set of contact award amounts that fit within the available funds.

**Board Member Montes moved, seconded by Board Member Anderson, to:**  
**-Recommend expenditures totaling \$2,344,590 for 2-year Comprehensive Grant Contracts for 2026-2028, distributed as shown on the attached list.**  
**-Recommended expenditures totaling \$2,057,244 for one-year Impact Grant Contracts for 2026-2027, distributed as shown on attached list.**  
**-Recommend allotment of \$390,000 to support Cultural Access in Public Schools including support for educational program and reimbursement to the Olympia School District for student transportation to Inspire Olympia activities.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**7. REPORTS**

Staff reported on planning for upcoming events including a Mixer/Orientation for the new Inspire Olympia grantee cohort in late June, and an Educator's Night Out in September.

**8. OTHER TOPICS - None**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.