

## Members

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Daniel Garcia, Community Programs Specialist  
Ricky Reyes, Public Art Project Manager  
Rebecca Solverson, Public Art Program Manager  
Naomi Strom-Avila, Funding & Cultural Programs Manager

# Summary Minutes

## Tacoma Arts Commission

Arts & Cultural Vitality Division

Community & Economic Development Dept.



**Date: August 12, 2024**

**Time: 5:00 pm**

**Location: Virtual and in-person**

These minutes accompany the recorded meeting of the Tacoma Arts Commission, which is available at

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### *Commission Members in Attendance:*

Kenya Shakoor, Chair  
Jasmine Brown, Vice Chair  
Connie Behe  
Katie Dean  
Sarah Jane Hoppe  
Derek Nunn  
Jeanette Sanchez  
Jes Takla  
Joe Williams

### *City Staff Present:*

Pat Beard  
Dauida Ingram  
Daniel Garcia  
Rebecca Solverson  
Naomi Strom-Avila  
Lisa Jaret

### *Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Heide Fernandez-Llamazares  
Hannah-Clarke Gilmore  
Michael Kula  
Wade Neal  
Heidi Wygle

### *Commission Members Unexcused Absence:*

Aleks Aurelion

## 1. Call to Order

5:06 pm (00:04)

Chair Shakoor called the meeting to order. Chair Shakoor recognized that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

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“We gratefully acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People where they make their home and speak the Lushootseed language.”

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**2. Consent Agenda (01:05)**

Commissioners Fernandez-Llamazares, Gilmore, Kula, Neal, and Wygle had an excused absence.

Vice Chair Brown asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the agenda for the August 12 meeting as well as the minutes from the June 10 meeting.

There was a motion: "I would move that we approve the agenda and the minutes from June 10."

Motion: Commissioner Sanchez

Seconded: Commissioner Nunn

Motion: Carried

**3. Chair's Report/Housekeeping (02:20)**

Chair Shakoor welcomed Commissioners back from summer break and thanked Vice Chair Brown for running for the District 4 Council seat.

Chair Shakoor provided an update on the status of the 2025-26 budget process including the funding proposals the Commission had advocated for. The proposal for public art staffing is moving forward as part of the City's budget process but the proposal for additional arts funding is not. Davida shared that the City is dealing with a budget deficit and any new additions to the budget required additional cuts elsewhere. She also shared that staffing was one of the highest priorities to be able to deliver projects in the works. Chair Shakoor requested additional information about the budget process from start to finish so that the Commission can effectively advocate in the future. Commissioners asked questions and made comments.

Commissioners briefly introduced themselves including an overview of their arts background.

**4. Public Comment on Agenda Items (29:36)**

There were no public comments on agenda items.

**5. Action Items**

**a. Environmental Services Artist in Residence Work Plan (30:00)**

Teruko Nimura presented her work plan as the Environmental Services Artist in Residence. Teruko shared some of her work and process thus far, and her work plan for the remainder of her time as the Artist in Residence. Commissioners shared comments and asked questions.

Chair Shakoor asked for a motion to approve the work plan for the Environmental Services Artist in Residence.

There was a motion: "Sarah Jane motions to approve this work plan."

Motion: Commissioner Hoppe

Seconded: Commissioner Sanchez

Motion: Carried

**b. AMOCAT Arts Awards Recommendations & Voting (01:02:56)**

Staff thanked Commissioners Fernandez-Llamazares, Neal, and Takla for serving on the AMOCAT Arts Awards committee, which reviewed nominations and made recommendations for the Commission to consider. Staff provided an overview of the AMOCAT Arts Awards, the nomination and review process, and a list of all nominations received.

The nominees recommended by the AMOCAT Arts Awards committee for consideration are:

<b>Arts Patron</b>	Mattice Hoyt of Mattice Beauty Supply
<b>Community Outreach by an Organization</b>	Black Night Market
<b>Community Outreach by an Individual</b>	Lourdes Jackson (2 nominees to consider for this award)
<b>Community Outreach by an Individual</b>	Anida Yoeu Ali (2 nominees to consider for this award)

Commissioners discussed, shared ideas, and asked questions.

There was a motion: “I would move that we approve the two that are the two individual recommendations [Mattice Hoyt of Mattice Beauty Supply for Arts Patron and Black Night Market for Community Outreach by an Organization] and then maybe we can have further discussion on the two individuals that are recommended for us to consider.”

Motion: Commissioner Sanchez

Seconded: Commissioner Williams

Motion: Carried

Commissioners further discussed the two recommended nominees for Community Outreach by an Individual award and discussed the possibility of having two honorees in this category this year. Commissioners also discussed considerations for the 2025 awards including creating additional award categories, developing a rubric for evaluating nominations, and ways to honor more groups and people.

There was a motion: “I would like to make a motion for those artists, Anida Yoeu Ali and Lourdes Jackson, to receive the Community Outreach by an Individual.”

Motion: Chair Shakoor

Seconded: Commissioner Nunn

Motion: Carried

The final slate of 2024 AMOCAT Arts Award honorees are:

<b>Arts Patron</b>	Mattice Hoyt of Mattice Beauty Supply
<b>Community Outreach by an Organization</b>	Black Night Market
<b>Community Outreach by an Individual</b>	Lourdes Jackson and Anida Yoeu Ali (2 separate awards)

There was a motion: “I would like to make a motion for approval.”

Motion: Chair Shakoor

Seconded: Commissioner Takla

Motion: Carried

## 6. Discussion/Updates

### a. Tacoma Arts Month Updates and Sign-ups

(01:33:25)

Staff provided an overview of planned programming for Tacoma Arts Month:

- Tacoma Arts Month Proclamation – October 1
- Kaleidoscope opening party – October 2, 6:30 – 9 pm at STAR Center. The event will include the AMOCAT Arts Awards, live entertainment, hands-on activities, and more.
- Tacoma Studio Tour – October 12 & 13, 11 am – 5 pm. 109 artists will open their studios to the public across 65 locations.

- Arts at the Armory – December 7 & 8, 11 am – 5 pm at the Tacoma Armory. The artist market will showcase 105 local artists.

Commissioners volunteered to help as follows:

- Material distribution – Commissioners Behe, Dean, Sanchez, and Takla
- Kaleidoscope opening party – Vice Chair Brown, Commissioners Behe, Dean, Nunn, Sanchez, and Takla
- Arts at the Armory - Commissioners Sanchez and Takla

**b. DEI Subcommittee Update (01:41:39)**

Vice Chair Brown shared an overview of the subcommittee’s work including the desire to develop a framework for the subcommittee moving forward, exploring having more tools for Commissioners including stated values and goals, and having base agreements so that Commission discussions can be productive and supportive.

**c. Funding Subcommittee Update (01:43:43)**

Staff shared an overview of the subcommittee’s work including a discussion about the 2025-26 budget process and not having additional arts funding in the next biennium. The subcommittee started to review a draft outline that staff developed of what would be needed to implement funding and discussed what was feasible to implement without additional funding.

**d. Community Arts Projects Funding Priorities (01:46:46)**

Chair Shakoor shared that, after having served on last year’s funding panel and reviewing the Community Arts Projects guidelines again, she was satisfied with the funding priorities and criteria for the funding program. Commissioners were invited to share any feedback or suggestions with staff within two weeks.

Staff will pull together edits for the 2025 Community Arts Projects funding guidelines and bring those to the Commission in September for review and approval. Updates will be made in response to feedback provided by the Commission, funding subcommittee, last year’s review panel, fundees, and in alignment with other City funding programs.

**7. Staff Check-In (01:50:12)**

**a. Staff Projects Overview and Updates**

Staff gave updates about the following items:

- Tacoma Arts Month planning
- Release of a new ArtTown segment
- Recruitment period for four seats on the Commission
- TAIP funding cohort gathering including feedback from fundees

**b. Public Art Updates**

Staff gave updates about the following items:

- Collection of reusable bags and netting for Teruko Nimura’s Artist in Residence project
- Installation of Perry Porter’s murals at Stewart
- McKinley public artist training cohort led by Spaceworks Tacoma

**c. Tacoma Creates**

Staff shared an overview of 2024-25 Tacoma Creates funded organizations, including those who are new to Tacoma Creates funding. There are a total of 74 arts, culture, heritage, and science organizations who have been awarded a combined funding amount of \$5.9 million.

**8. Report Back**

**(01:57:32)**

**a. Advocacy Reports**

There were no items.

**b. Funded Project Updates/ Upcoming Arts Events/Arts Events Attended**

Commissioners shared about events they have attended or been involved with including:

- One Table Show event that Derek Nunn is co-producing
- Upcoming projects funded through Community Arts Projects and Tacoma Artists Initiative Program

**c. Future Agenda Items for Consideration**

There were no items.

**9. Community Comment**

**(02:00:45)**

David Ingram shared that she will be leaving her position as Division Manager of the Arts & Cultural Vitality Division at the end of August. Commissioners and staff shared words of appreciation.

**10. Adjourn**

**7:12 pm (02:06:02)**

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