

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
DATE: MARCH 12, 2026 at 6:30 PM
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER
THE HAWK – HERITAGE ROOM
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CALLED TO ORDER BY: Commissioner Janoch

AT: TIME 6:36 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheryl Blau, Lindsay Janoch, Celeste McDermott, Ted Hadfield, Claire Perko, Bree Schwartz, Lesa Ferencz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sean Deason, Don Fritz, Cindy Carleton, Jeff Dutka, Nora Mason, Craig Nowak

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachel Timlin, Cultural Arts Supervisor/Staff Liaison
Johnna Balk, Farmington City Council Liaison
Patrick Chisolm, Member of the Public

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner McDermott, supported by Commissioner Ferencz, to approve the agenda with amendments.
remove budget.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-0

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2026:

Motion by Commissioner Blau, supported by Commissioner Hadfield, to approve the minutes without amendments.

Amendment:

MOTION CARRIED 0-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

FARMINGTON ARTS REPORT

The Farmington Film Festival was well attended.
Commissioner Perko is Chair of the Farmington DDA Art Committee
The Wave tiles have nearly been completed for the art promenade
Farmington is a semi-finalist in the Main Street awards

CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION REPORT

Ellen Schnackel has retired, and Bryan Farmer is acting in the interim
Makers Space is well ahead on programming and revenue this year.
Michigan Philharmonic was nearly sold out and will return to The Hawk
Dance Competition was hosted at the Hawk. Over 300 dancers participated.
Summer Camps have already enrolled over 800 participants. Camps are expanded this year to include Maker Space
Camps.
Discussions forthcoming for the art mural program on the Grand River Corridor

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioners Ferencz and Blau attended the State of the Cities in early March

Commissioner Janoch shared that Adelaide Hawkins' efforts towards an art club at school have been gaining momentum.

Commissioner Schwartz spoke on the PTA Reflections Art Awards ceremony

Commissioner McDermott has heard positive feedback about the Public Art Program. She has also shared a great experiment at Fired and Fused in Farmington. Attended DIA Oscar nominations. Offered support for the Jewish community after the events at Temple Israel.

Commissioner Blau: March 31st at Fired & Fused: A Venetian Glass Blower from Venice will demonstrate glass blowing. The Commission was pleased to hear that an FH police officer recommended the FH City Hall Public Art Exhibit.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Liaison Balk shared travel experiences and art she saw created with live cactus, as well as an upcoming glass-blowing experience she's looking forward to.

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 9, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: Commissioner Janoch Time: 7:17 pm

Minutes drafted by: Commissioner Ferencz