

APPROVED

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 12, 2026 - 6:30 PM
THE HAWK FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER
HERITAGE CONFERENCE ROOM (2ND FLOOR)
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CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chair Ferencz AT: 6:35 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lindsay Janoch, Celeste McDermott, Sean Deason, Don Fritz, Lesa Ferencz, Ted Hadfield, Craig Nowak, Cheryl Blau, Cindy Carleton, Jeff Dutka, Claire Perko

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bree Schwartz, Nora Mason

OTHERS PRESENT:
Johnna Balk, Farmington City Council Representative
Members of the Public: Adelaide Hawkins, Patrick Chisolm, Caroline Trapp

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner Janoch, supported by Commissioner Hadfield, to approve the agenda without amendments.

MOTION CARRIED 11:0:0

APPROVAL OF JAN 8, 2026 MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Fritz, supported by Commissioner McDermott, to approve the minutes without amendments.

MOTION CARRIED 11:0:0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Adelaide Hawkins shared that she started an Art Club at her school, North Farmington High School. This will provide opportunities for students who may not have space in their schedules or who would like a low-stress art experience. They will be meeting two times a month. [nfhs.art.club](https://www.instagram.com/nfhs.art.club) is their Instagram if commissioners are interested. Commissioner Blau invited Ms. Hawkins to speak about this club at an upcoming school board meeting.

Patrick Chisolm shared that he is a welder and tradesperson in the community and that he is interested in checking out the city's commissions.

Caroline Trapp shared that she is a community member and friend of Commissioner Blau. She is interested in learning about the Arts Commission's work. She recently chaired this year's Toast to Education.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS: ARTS COMMISSION CHAIR, CO-CHAIR, SECRETARY

Incoming Chairperson

Lindsay Janoch

Incoming Vice-Chairperson

Lesa Ferencz

Incoming Secretary

Nora Mason

FARMINGTON ARTS REPORT

No Report

ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET

No Report

CULTURAL ARTS' DIVISION REPORT

Youth Theatre cast numbers were shared, and the programs are doing well. Rock Around the Hawk was well attended for Feb. Windsock is coming in March. The reception is coming up for FH public

choice winner Alessandra Lipman. Art on the Grand has been juried. Art Awards 2026 nominations are due March 2. Summer Camp registration opened on Jan 20 and is filling quickly. Michigan Philharmonic is playing Feb 13 with 600+ tickets sold. The Lunar New Year concert is on Feb 15. Black History Month concert with Amen Ra Dancers and Drummers is coming on Feb 22. Blackthorn returns March 7. A new Makerspace Periodical is now available. Performer budgets for past Stars in the Park concerts were presented as requested.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Ferencz shared that she has started the Commission's Annual Report, and she will be sending it out via email for the Commission's feedback. She is requesting 2025 activity photos for the report. She is also starting to document public art in the city and requests input.

Commissioner McDermott shared his thanks to the outgoing board for their leadership. She also thanked Commissioner Perko for putting together the Fired and Fused program. She also reminded the Commission about an outstanding letter to Council, and a discussion ensued regarding that letter.

Motion by Commissioner McDermott that the Commission send a brief email to Councilwoman Boleware regarding the Sept 2025 City Council Study Session support by Commissioner Blau.

MOTION CARRIED: 9:1:1

Commissioner Janoch shared that she attended the Prism chorus concert at The Hawk, and it was a great program.

Commissioner Blau shared her thanks to Commissioner Carleton for helping to create the Literary Arts program. She also shared that she created a plankton coloring book for her students.

Commissioner Perko shared that she recently attended the STEAM band and choir concert.

Commissioner Hadfield inquired about sculptures outside of the city's limits and how they should be documented. He is planning to contact sculptors to see if they have any art located in the city.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilwoman Balk shared that she enjoyed the last Evening of Standup Comedy at The Hawk, and it was a full house.

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 12, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by: Chair Ferencz Time: 8:05 PM

Minutes drafted by: Lindsay Janoch