



# Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 06, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

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## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. A quorum in attendance consisted of Walcott, Hammer, Roelke, and Famularo. Staff Liaison Bennett was in attendance.

## Notice of Open Meeting

Bennett noted the meeting was noticed according to law.

## Approval of Agenda

Roelke motioned to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Famularo. There was no discussion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

## Approval of Minutes

1. Consider and take action to approve the Tourism meeting minutes from March 2, 2026

Hammer motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented from March 2, 2026. Seconded by Walcott. There was no discussion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

## Public Comment

There were no members of the public in attendance for comment. Bennett received no correspondence.

## New Business

2. Consider and take action regarding the 2026 tourism grant applications

Due to a conflict of interest of all the attending members of the Tourism Commission being members of the Chamber Choir, a tourism grant applicant, Bennett and Hammer had talked to the City Clerk about sending the grant application for the Columbus Chamber Choir to Council for review. Famularo motioned to recommend to Council to review the 2026 tourism grant application for the Columbus Chamber Choir: seconded by Roelke. There was no discussion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Bennett presented the remaining 2026 tourism grant applications for the Chamber of Commerce, Redbud Players, Public Library, Recreation Department, and Wyverns Trove. Along with staff recommendation, the Tourism Council discussed how much to award each applicant after reviewing the application materials. Hammer motioned to approve awarding \$7,120 in tourism grant for the following reimbursable amounts pending final reporting: Chamber of Commerce: \$335, Redbud Players: \$2,500, Library: \$150, Recreation: \$1,335, Wyverns Trove: \$2,800 (\$1,500 for development and \$1,300 for events). Seconded by Roelke. There was not additional discussion. The motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

## Adjourn

Roelke motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Famularo. There was no discussion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.

\*A quorum of city committees and/or commissions may be present at this meeting. No action will be taken or considered by those committees and/or commissions.

\*\* These minutes will be approved at a future meeting and may be amended. These minutes are respectfully submitted by David Bennett, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator \*\*