



ARTS COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR HYBRID MEETING

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harrington called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

ROLL CALL

Chair Jonathan Harrington and Councilors Pam Rock, Katie Kratzer, and Irene Rajagopal were present.

Vice Chair Suzanne Skone & Councilor Hannah Youn were absent

City Clerk Andrea Larson, Recreation Manager Ryan Daly, Supervisor Katie Herzog, and Recreation Specialist Raven Gillis were present.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Robert Harper, Mercer Island resident, addressed the Arts Council regarding the Standing Strong Veterans Pergola at Mercerdale Park.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

1. Staff Liaison Report & Planning Schedule Update

Katie Herzog, Recreation Supervisor, reported on the following:

- Updates
 - Gateway Installation Damage
 - Deane's Children's Park Site Plan
 - Boards & Commission Recruitment
- Programs/Events
 - December Events!
 - City of Mercer Island's Public Art and Photography Show & Reception
 - MIVAL Art Workshops
 - 2026 Lunar New Year with MICA
 - Senior Resource Fair
 - Winter Programs
 - Nancy Stewart's Free Guitar Classes
 - Open Art Studio with Irene Rajagopal
- Arts Council Planning Schedule

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the October 15, 2025, Regular Meeting

It was moved by Rock; seconded by Kratzer to:

Approve the minutes from the October 15, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Passed: 4 – 0

3. AC26-01: Guiding Documents Workshop

Andrea Larson, City Clerk, Ryan Daly, Recreation Manager, and Katie Herzog, Recreation Supervisor, presented. Councilors asked questions and engaged in discussion.

4. AC 26-02: MICEC Gallery Viewing & Reception

Katie Herzog, Recreation Supervisor, presented. Councilors attended the Art Reception in the MICEC Gallery and engaged with MIVAL and community members.

The Arts Council attended the Art Reception from 6:47pm to 7:20pm

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Absences

Councilors Kratzer & Rajagopal may not be able to attend the February 18 Special Meeting in person and will try to attend via Zoom.

Chair Harrington asked for a motion to excuse Vice Chair Skone and Councilor Youn's absence.

It was moved by Rock; seconded by Rajagopal to:

Excuse Vice Chair Skone and Council Youn's absence from the meeting

Passed: 4 – 0

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Hybrid Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.