



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission

Chair - Kimberly McCoy

Vice Chair - Laura Ward

Commissioner - Jose Leon Barraza

Commissioner - Rose Caglia

Commissioner - Jon Dohlin

Commissioner - Mckay A. Duran

Commissioner - Kelly Kucharski

Commissioner - Scott Miller

Commissioner - Vincent L. Trillo

Monday, February 23, 2026

5:30 PM

Council Chambers (In
Person and/or Electronic)
<https://www.fresno.gov/prac-meeting/>

Regular Meeting

The Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission (PRAC) met in regular session in the Council Chamber at Fresno City Hall on the date and time above written.

1. Call to Order

Chair McCoy called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.

2. 5:33 P.M. Roll Call

On motion of Commissioner Dohlin, seconded by Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Trillo's absence was EXCUSED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Ward, Commissioner Barraza, Commissioner Caglia, Commissioner Dohlin, Commissioner Duran, and Commissioner Miller

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Kucharski, and Commissioner Trillo

Commissioner Kucharski joined the meeting at 5:40 P.M.

Present 8 - Chair Kimberly McCoy
Vice Chair Laura E. Ward
Commissioner Jose Barraza
Commissioner Rose Caglia
Commissioner Jon Dohlin
Commissioner Mckay A. Duran
Commissioner Kelly Kucharski
Commissioner Scott Miller

Absent 1 - Commissioner Vincent L. Trillo

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approve Agenda

On motion of Commissioner Duran, seconded by Commissioner Dohlin, the AGENDA was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - McCoy, Ward, Barraza, Caglia, Dohlin, Duran and Miller

Absent: 2 - Kucharski and Trillo

5. Approval of Minutes

6. Members Reports and Comments

COMMISSIONER BARRAZA REPORTS AND COMMENTS. Announced the Five-Year Evaluation Committee has begun its work, with commissioners participating in the process. Requested data from the Department of PARCS Department. Members are reviewing the overall performance of the program, compliance with Measure "P" requirements, and related components, with parks and cultural arts elements evaluated separately. The commission will continue its assessment and plans to return with a draft report and recommendations.

COMMISSIONER CAGLIA REPORTS AND COMMENTS. Thanked the PARCS Department for stepping in to help address issues resulting from the recent situation. Shared an example of a grant recipient whose check was returned, causing disruptions to their planned project, including

cancelations and venue changes, noting that many others are facing similar challenges. Stated that addressing these issues will be a priority moving forward and expressed a desire for wisdom and guidance as the commission continues its work

VICE CHAIR WARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS. Acknowledged the emotional and psychological toll on the city's arts and culture community following the recent embezzlement of Measure "P" Arts and Culture Program funds. Noted that the full impacts of the incident are still unknown and expressed concern that the alleged crime was committed by someone within the community. Emphasized that federal wire fraud cases take time to resolve but are typically successful due to detailed investigative processes. Appreciated the City's efforts to prioritize making Year 2 EAAC grant recipients financially whole and looked forward to the workshop presentation for additional information and next steps. Stressed the need for clarity and improved communication to keep the program moving forward into Year 3, noting the importance of timely revisions to grant guidelines and the urgency of appointing the Cultural Arts Subcommittee. Shared concerns about timeline delays impacting the Year 3 RFP process and encouraged community members to provide feedback to the commission and City Council on how to address these issues.

7. City Administration and PARCS Staff Reports and Comments

8. Unscheduled Communication

Upon call, no members of the public addressed the Commission with unscheduled communication.

9. Workshops

9.-A. [ID 26-254](#) WORKSHOP - Update on the Expanded Access to Arts and Culture Grant Program

The above item was presented to the Commission by City Manager White and PARCS Assistant Director McNab.

Commission discussion on this item was held.

10. Discussion Items

11. Hearings

11.-A. [ID 26-253](#) Hearing-

1. Presentation- Measure P- Category 4 Annual Appropriation Resolution presentation. (PARCS)
2. Recommend to City Council the Resolution Adopting the 41st Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2025-179 appropriating \$1,500,000 contingent on the amount of Measure P Expanded Access to Arts & Culture funds returned to the City by the Fresno Arts Council.

The above item was called to order at 6:50 P.M. and was presented to the Commission by PARCS Business Manager Xiong. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Commission: Kiel Lopez-Schmidt and Lisa Flores. Public comment closed at 6:54 P.M.

Commission discussion was held.

11.-B. [ID 26-231](#) Hearing - Receive public input on Expanded Access to Arts and Culture Grant Program.

The above item was called to order at 7:11 P.M. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Commission: Lori Hunter, Alicia R., Johannus Reijnders, Amy Kitchener, Kiel Lopez-Schmidt, Smiley G., Derek Payton, Chummaly Keodara, Candice Pendergrass, Dante Erlang, Gabriel Lozano, Ome Lopez, Jazmen Moore, Monica Cerda, Erin Burd, Brisa E. Pacheco, Hugo Morales, Yolanda Randles, and Lisa Flores. Public comment closed at 7:50 P.M.

Commission discussion was held.

11.-C. [ID 26-232](#) Hearing - Receive public input on allocations related to Measure P, updates to the Parks Master Plan and Cultural Arts Plan, and annual PARCS Department Budget and Capital Improvement Plans.

The above item was called to order at 7:53 P.M. Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Commission: Kiel Lopez-Schmidt and Ome Lopez. Public comment closed at 7:57 P.M.

Commission discussion was held.

12. Adjournment

*Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting in Memory of Dr. Francine Oputa at
7:58 P.M.*