



York County Arts Commission Meeting
Yorktown Library

July 16, 2025
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: Narielle Living, Marci Swanson, Rey Carpio, and Minnie Sippio were present. Brandon Gist and Paulette Goity were absent. Also attending was Shannon George from York County Parks and Recreation. The new manager for the York County Parks and Recreation Department came to the beginning of the meeting to introduce himself to the Commission. He told the Commission that he was available to help us as we needed his assistance. When asked about funds for the York County Arts Commission to host the Williamsburg Arts Commission for lunch and discussion regarding common concerns between the two groups, he told the group that he would work to secure the funds.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Chair, Narielle Living.

The minutes for the April 16, 2025, meeting were approved. Rey Carpio moved to accept the minutes; Narielle Living seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- Make liaison assignments based on 2026 allocations. (Tabled from April 16, 2025, meeting.)
Marci moved that the liaison assignments be tabled for the next meeting due to the absence of Brandon and Paulette. Narielle seconded. In discussion, Rey suggested that the Commission go ahead with temporary liaison assignments that can be changed, if necessary, at the next meeting. Marci withdrew her motion. Rey moved that the Commission draft temporary assignments until they can be confirmed. Marci seconded. The motion passed without discussion. Temporary liaison assignments were made for FY2026. (Document attached to these minutes.)

NEW BUSINESS

- FY2025 Final Reports.
Narielle, Rey, Minnie, and Marci reviewed the Final Reports of the FY2025 grant recipients. Of the 28 organizations that received grants for FY 2025, twenty were submitted with complete information, six reports needed clarifying documentation, and two groups did not submit a final report. Minnie will contact these eight groups to request the information we need to clear their FY2025 grant applications.



- Members who regularly miss meetings.
In accordance with Article VI, Section 3, of the Bylaws for the York County Arts Commission, the Commission is recommending that Brandon Gist be removed from the Commission. Today's meeting marks the second successive meeting that he has missed. Minnie will contact the County Administration for directions for the Commission to proceed with Brandon's removal.
It was also noted that Paulette has also been absent from all but two meetings this past year. Minnie will speak with her about her attendance and her intentions to remain on the Commission following her verbal resignation from the Commission during the April meeting.
- Joint Meeting with the Williamsburg Arts Commission
The tentative date for this meeting is September 17. The American Revolutionary Museum of Yorktown was suggested as a possible site. The Waterman's Museum is another possible location, but there could be scheduling issues since it is very busy during the autumn. Minnie, Narielle, and Marci will work on this event.

The next meeting of the Commission will be on October 15 at 10 am at Yorktown Library. Officers for FY2026 will be elected at that meeting, and the calendar for FY2026 will be set.

Rey moved that the meeting be adjourned. Marci seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Swanson, Secretary

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Narielle Living, Chairperson

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