



MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL

Council Meeting

8:30am

Meagher County Public Library

205 SW Garfield St.

White Sulphur Springs, Montana

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Public comment is welcome on all items and may be submitted at mac@mt.gov or through this webform. Written comments received 24 hours before the meeting will be distributed to the Council before the meeting.

Lunch will be provided for Arts Council members, presenters & staff by Wild Oats Baking.



Proposed Business Meeting Agenda

8:30 am

Call to Order Steve Zabel
Opening remarks & Tribal acknowledgement

Attendance: Council and members of the Public Ginny Newman

General Business Krys Holmes
Call for Public Comment

Approval of Proposed Agenda and Council Meeting Minutes April 28, 2025

► *Action proposed: Motion to approve*

Conflicts of Interest

Next Meetings

Great Falls, Friday, December 5, 2025

9:00 am

Fiscal Year 2025 Year To Date Financial Report Jenifer Alger
► *Action proposed: Motion to approve*

Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget Jenifer Alger
► *Action proposed: Motion to approve*

9:30 am

Committee Reports Steve Zabel
Executive Committee Steve Zabel
Strategic Investment Grant Committee Jay Pyette
Arts Education Committee Angella Ahn
Governor's Arts Awards Committee Wylie Gustafson
Poet Laureate Committee Sean Chandler
Folk Arts Committee Corky Clairmont
Fundraising Committee Steve Zabel
Percent for Art Projects Kristin Burgoyne

10:00 am

Committee Assignments

10:30 am

Public Value Partnership + Statewide Service Organization Grant Recommendations
► *Action proposed: Motion to approve*

10:45 am Break

11:00 am

NASAA Update: Native Communities Initiative Sean Chandler
https://nasaa-arts.org/nasaa_research/strengthening-state-arts-agency-relationships-with-native-communities/

11:30 am

Report from the Executive Director

Krys Holmes

Orientation Refresher

Krys Holmes

12:15 pm Lunch (working if needed)

- How do you see your role as a Council member in this time of change?
- How can you leverage your expertise, relationships, and strengths to advocate for public funding of the arts?
- What public/private partnerships can you connect MAC to, to strengthen our programs?
- There are many ways to advocate for the arts on a local, state, and federal level. What should Council members' top priorities be?

1:30 pm

Cultural Advocacy Update

Paul Stahl

Legislative Update

Drew Geiger

Federal Funding Discussion

Krys Holmes

Report from the Chair

Steve Zabel

New Business Steve Zabel

4:00 pm - Adjourn