



*City of Bristol  
Arts & Culture Commission*

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 6:00 PM in Meeting Room 1-3 in City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT 06010.

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Walter Lewandoski called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**a. Pledge of Allegiance**

**b. Attendance**

**Members Present:**

Chair Walter Lewandoski  
Vice Chair Andrea Adams  
Commissioner Julie Carensa-Crist  
Commissioner Juliet Norton  
Commissioner Maria Salice  
Commissioner Nigel Wynter  
Commissioner E. Brad Yancy  
City Council Liaison Greg Hahn  
Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault

**Absent:**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**a. Approval of Minutes: January 7, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Made by Vice Chair Adams to approve the January 7, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Commissioner Salice; all in favor; motion carried.

### **3. Public Participation**

Nothing to report.

### **4. Arts and Culture Supervisor's Report**

#### **a. Supervisor's Report**

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Supervisor's Report. Supervisor Therriault updated the commission on the newest sponsorship with Ninety Nine (99) Restaurant, and advertisement advancements. Discussion followed.

#### **b. Project Spreadsheet**

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the project spreadsheet. Nothing to report.

#### **c. Year to Date Financials**

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the year-to-date financials. Supervisor Therriault gave updates on the current deficit and total revenues to date. Discussion followed.

### **5. Chairman's Report**

Chair Walter Lewandoski presented the Chairman's Report. Chair Lewandoski and fellow commissioners presented The Creative Jam Art Co. with the Outstanding Community Engagement Award. Chair Lewandoski also updated the commission on the status of Bristol Creative's search for a place to create art and the announcement that Connecticut recently rose from 21st to 3rd in National Arts and Cultural Vibrancy rankings, by Southern Methodist University. Discussion followed.

### **6. Old Business**

#### **a. New Heart Sculpture from Bob Boudreau/Broad View Fund Update**

Chair Lewandoski presented the update on the New Heart Sculpture from Bob Boudreau/Broad View Fund. Chair Lewandoski updated the commission on the discussion from the Board of Park Commissioners Meeting regarding the location and presented the alternate locations. Chair Lewandoski stated that a check would be delivered shortly due to shipping taking an estimated 4–6 weeks. Discussion followed.

#### **b. City Hall Student Art**

Chair Walter Lewandoski presented the City Hall Student Art update. Chair Lewandoski presented a tentative proposal including the location, framing options and teacher-selected art to be displayed. Chair Lewandoski will look into cost estimates to include in the proposal that will be presented to City Council upon completion. Discussion followed.

**c. By Commissioners**

Nothing to report.

**7. New Business**

**a. Arts and Culture Multi-Year Outlook**

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Arts and Culture Multi-Year Outlook. Supervisor Therriault met with Superintendent Medeiros to develop the outlook goals, including additional staff, long-term goals, and relationship building, to ensure continuity and growth, making Bristol a regional arts hub by 2029. Discussion followed.

**b. By Commissioners**

Commissioner Norton introduced a movie night event at Downtown Live at the Rockwell Theater. She suggested the movie Labyrinth as it will be turning 40 years old in 2026. It was suggested the event would include themed snacks and beverages. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Norton informed the commissioner of the apprentice of the artist that created the ride "Laugh in the Dark", formerly located at Lake Compounce, is hosting an exhibit in the Carousel Museum, which is expected to be held sometime in July. Discussion followed.

**8. Reports and Committee Reports**

**a. City Council Liaison Report**

City Council Liaison Greg Hahn presented the City Council Liaison Report. City Council Liaison Hahn's report included updates on the upcoming Board of Finance meeting, where Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Superintendent Josh Medeiros will be requesting the City Arts and Culture Commission's budget be resorted to \$15,000.00, requested that commissioners submit any events or news they would like shared at the City Council Meetings, and suggested that the City Arts and Culture Commission consider hosting a reception for the children and their families, that have been selected to have their artwork displayed in City Hall. Discussion followed.

**9. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Wynter to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.  
Seconded by Commissioner Julie Crist; all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amaris Estrada  
Recording Secretary  
City Arts and Culture Commission