
ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

City of Chico Arts Commissioners: Ciara Barsotti, Olivia Cerullo, Marquita Goodman, Katie Posey, Dustin Vaught
Vice-Chair Vianna Boring, and Chair Bonnie Pipkin

Special Meeting of October 1, 2025 – 4:30 p.m.
Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Conference Room 1

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Boring at 4:31 p.m. with Commissioners Barsotti, Cerullo, Vaught, and Vice-Chair Boring present. Commissioners Goodman, Posey, and Chair Pipkin were absent.

2. **MAYOR’S ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ARTS AWARDS SELECTION**

Commissioner Vaught recused himself from discussion of the nomination of Save the El Rey.

The Commission discussed the nominees for Outstanding Arts & Culture Organization or Business. The nominees were Chico Fab Labs, Maker Radio, Music Teachers Association of California (MTAC)-Youth Orchestra, and Save the El Rey.

Luann Manss addressed the Commission on this item.

The Commission voted 3-1 to honor Music Teachers Association of California – Youth Orchestra as Outstanding Arts Organization for 2025

The Commission discussed the nominees for Outstanding Artist or Arts Organization Leader. The nominees were Tatiana Allen, Martin Chavira, Dana Moore, and Valerie Rose.

The Commission voted 3-1 to honor Dana Moore as Outstanding Organizational Leader for 2025.

The Commission discussed the nominees for Outstanding Patron of the Arts. The nominees were Chico Creative Reuse, Monica McDaniel, Corey Smith, and The Theide Family.

The Commission voted 4-0 to honor Monica McDaniel as Outstanding Patron of the Arts for 2025.

3. **FALL FOR THE ARTS GALA UPDATE**

Commissioner Cerullo provided an update on the Fall for the Arts gala. Each Commissioner was asked to sell four tickets and gather three auction items. City Clerk Presson asked about the auctioning of the COBA boards at the event. She was informed that the decision had been made to not include them due to some issues. City Clerk Presson said she would reach out to Chair Pipkin clarifying that the Arts Commission took formal action (6-0-1, Vaught absent) to authorize the auctioning of the City owned COBA boards and that the legal department had thoroughly researched the COBA program and authorized the

sale of City property at this event. Once a formal action has been taken by a majority vote, that action can only be amended by the full Commission.

4. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m. to the next regular Arts Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

Approved: 10/8/25

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