



MINUTES
OXFORD PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION OF OXFORD
1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
15 SOUTH COLLEGE AVENUE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025 AT 5:30 PM

Approval of Agenda

Members Present: Amber Franklin, Therese Ehrnschwender, Bob Benson, Joe Squance, Carole Katz, Bobbe Burke

Staff Liaison: Jessica Greene & Ashley Keeton

Approval of Agenda:

First: Bob

Second: Bobbe

Approved

Approval of Minutes

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First: Therese

Second: Bob

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1. Minutes from the Monday, October 13th, Meeting

Old Business

New Business

1. Review of Haiku On Ice Submissions

The Call for Poetry: Haiku on Ice received 64 entries from adults and 92 entries from youth. Thank you to the Talawanda teachers who gave their students the option to submit their poems!

The commission voted for their top 10 adult submissions and their top 10 youth submission. After compiling all votes, poems with 3 or 4 votes automatically became a finalist (totaling 10 poems). Commissioners then reviewed all poems with 2 votes (18 poems) and chose 8 more to be finalists.

These 18 poems will be set to winter-inspired graphics and printed on static clings for installation in businesses in January. All qualifying entries will be put into a booklet and distributed around town.

2. Update on Call for Art: Oxford Municipal Building Exhibit

This Call for Art is currently open and has received 42 submissions. Commissioners discussed whether to extend the deadline, but due to the fact that we usually receive more submissions during the last couple of days of the call, and the nature of the call being just for photographs rather than all art, the decision was made to keep the deadline of December 10th.

Staff will compile all submissions and send to PACO to review before the next meeting.

3. Discussion of Duke Mural and Mural Class

We are in the last stages of finessing the MOU with Miami for this Duke Substation mural. Since this mural will involve time with the Miami mural class, commissioners were asked whether they wanted to form a subcommittee to attend those meetings or have City Staff represent PACO. It was decided to form a subcommittee and also have staff attend those meetings.

4. Discussion of Toni Morrison 2026 Celebration

A couple of commissioners attended a statewide virtual meeting on the Toni Morrison 2026 Celebration and plan to attend upcoming meetings. They discussed picking a focus for our celebration: literacy or history through the lens of literature. They mentioned wanting to partner with OCAC and Lane Library on this initiative.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 6:23 PM

First: Bob

Second: Carole

Approved