



MINUTES
OXFORD PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION OF OXFORD
1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
15 SOUTH COLLEGE AVENUE
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026 AT 5:30 PM

Approval of Agenda

Members Present: Joe Squance, Therese Ehrnschwender, Robert Benson, Bobbe Burke, Carole Katz

Staff Liaison: Jessica Greene, Ashley Keeton

Joe asked to add a Toni Morrison Celebration Update to the agenda.

Approval of Agenda as Amended:

First: Joe

Second: Robert

Approved

Approval of Minutes

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First: Carole

Second: Therese

Approved

1. Minutes from the Monday, December 8th, Meeting

Old Business

New Business

1. Review of Oxford Municipal Building Exhibit Finalists

Commissioners ranked the 71 submissions to the Call for Art: Oxford Municipal Building Exhibit. From those rankings, 28 semi-finalists were selected before the meeting and sent to the commissioners to view. Commissioners discussed how they wanted to narrow the list to get to the final selections. There were six photographers who had two pieces in the top rankings, and two photographers who had three pieces in the top rankings. They decided to choose only one piece from each photographer. This narrows the list to 18 pieces. Five of the final selections requested a framing scholarship.

Staff Next Steps: Inform all artists of the final decision, coordinate drop off of the new artwork (in sync with pick up of the current exhibit), and figure out the cost for framing the five finalists that requested it.

2. Update on Duke Substation Mural

Update from Staff: While the mural class has not started yet, we are working on logistics to schedule an Oxford historian and a Duke Substation expert to speak to the class before they begin work on the mural design.

3. Update on Parking Garage Mural

Update from Staff: The artist is working with a contractor to get an approved building permit. This project will likely have a spring installation.

4. Discussion of Amtrak Platform Mural on the Nelson Morrow Building

Jessica shared that with the timeline of the Amtrak Platform, we will need to begin work on writing an RFP to have mural panels installed along the sidewalk to the platform. This will be discussed more at the February meeting.

Staff Next Steps: Take photographs and measurements of the mural location and write a draft RFP. We will try to schedule the next PACO meeting at the new BCRTA Chestnut Fields Station Community Meeting Room so that we can view the potential mural location.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 6:38 PM

First: Robert

Second: Carole

Approved

Next Meeting: Monday, February 9th at 5:30 PM - Location TBD.