LIVERMORE
CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS

AGENDA
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026

COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING – 4:30 PM

MEETING PARTICIPATION INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THE AGENDA

CIVIC CENTER MEETING HALL
WILLIAM M. MENDENHALL COMMUNITY ROOM
1016 S. LIVERMORE AVENUE

Natalia T Custodio, Chair
Thomasin J Dewhurst, Vice Chair
Tauheeda Babar, Commissioner
Cathleen deOrnelas, Commissioner
Robert Gausman, Commissioner
Rajagopal R Kowligi, Commissioner
Monya Lane, Commissioner
Laurence E Milder, Commissioner
Tracy Sahn, Commissioner

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Tauheeda Babar
Commissioner Cathleen deOrnelas
Commissioner Robert Gausman
Commissioner Rajagopal R Kowligi
Commissioner Monya Lane
Commissioner Laurence E Milder
Commissioner Tracy Sahn
Vice Chair Thomasin J Dewhurst
Chair Natalia Custodio

3. OPEN FORUM

- In conformance with the Brown Act, no Commission for the Arts action can occur on items presented during Open Forum.
- To provide public comment, please submit a speaker card. When your name is called, walk to the lectern to address the Commission.
- Comments are limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per person, per item. The Chair may reduce the amount of time based on the number of persons wishing to speak.
- Open Forum will conclude after 30 minutes; however, if there are additional speakers, Open Forum will reconvene after Matters for Consideration.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and are acted upon by the Commission with a single action. Members of the audience wishing to provide public input must submit a speaker card.

4.1 Approval of Draft Minutes - March 24, 2026, Commission for the Arts Regular Meeting

Recommendation:
Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts approve the draft minutes.

Attachments:
1. DRAFT Commission for the Arts - March 24, 2026 - Regular Meeting Minutes

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Appointment of an ad hoc committee to work with staff to conduct an inventory of existing art spaces and places, consider and evaluate locations for new art installation, and to provide recommendations on themes and types of art.

Recommendation:
Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts appoint an ad hoc committee to work with staff to conduct an inventory of existing art spaces and places, consider and evaluate locations for new art installation, and to provide recommendations on themes and types of art.
Staff Report

5.2 Appointment of an ad hoc committee to review and provide feedback and recommendations on developer-initiated art proposals.

Recommendation:
Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts appoint an ad hoc committee to review and provide feedback and recommendations on developer-initiated art proposals.
Staff Report

5.3 Approval of High School Junior & Senior Arts Awards.

Recommendation:
Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts receive the High School Junior & Senior Arts Awards ad hoc committee's recommendation and approve the High School Junior & Senior Arts Awards for a total amount of $11,400.
Staff Report
Attachments:
1. 2026 High School Junior & Senior Arts Recommended Awards List

5.4 Recommendation of Faith Alpher as Poet Laureate.

Recommendation:
Staff and the Poet Laureate Ad Hoc Committee recommend the Commission for the Arts recommend Faith Alpher for City Council appointment as Poet Laureate.

Staff Report
Attachments:
1. Faith Alpher - Poet Laureate Application

5.5 Review of the draft 2026 Commission for the Arts Annual Update to the City Council presentation.

Recommendation:
Staff recommends that the Commission for the Arts review the draft presentation and provide their final input and feedback.
Staff Report
Attachments:
1. DRAFT 2026 Commission for the Arts Annual Update

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MATTERS INITIATED BY STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS

7. ADJOURNMENT

To a regular Commission for the Arts meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 4:30 pm, Civic Center Meeting Hall, William M. Mendenhall Community Room, 1016 S. Livermore Avenue.

8. HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMISSION MEETING

You can participate in the meeting in a number of ways:

Open Forum is an opportunity for the public to speak regarding items not listed on the agenda. Speakers are limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per person. To address the Commission, you must submit a speaker card to the liaison prior to the start of that item. You should be aware that the Commission is prohibited by State law from taking action on any items that are not listed on the agenda. However, if your item requires action, the Commission may place it on a future agenda or direct staff to work with you and/or report to the Commission on the issue.

Other Agenda Items are also open for public input including Consent Calendar or Matters for Consideration items. These comments are also subject to the 3-minute limit.

Submission of Comments Prior to the Meeting:

Email Comments may be submitted by the public to the Commission for the Arts Liaison (arts@LivermoreCA.gov). Items received no later than 12:00 pm on the day of the meeting will be provided to the Commission and available on the City website prior to the meeting. These items will NOT be read into the record.

eComments may be submitted by the public using the eComment link here. Comments may be up to 1000 characters in length and will be accepted up until 3:30 pm the day of the meeting. These items will NOT be read into the record and are viewable by the Commission and the public upon submittal.

Submission of Comments During the Meeting:

Speakers are limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per person. To submit a comment, you must complete a speaker card for each item. Speaker cards are available in the Civic Center Meeting Hall lobby. Indicate on the card the item number you wish to comment on and submit the card directly to the liaison prior to the start of the item. You should be aware that the Commission is prohibited by State law from taking action on any items that are not listed on the agenda. However, if your item requires action, the Commission may place it on a future agenda or direct staff to work with you and/or report to the Commission on the issue.

If you would like to deliver written materials to the Commission for the Arts as part of your public comments, please provide 12 copies to the liaison with your speaker card.

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