

ERIE COUNTY ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES

General Committee Meeting
Wednesday August 13, 2025

Meeting Minutes

The Arts in Public Places General Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 13th, 2025 in the Buffalo Convention Center, 153 Franklin St., Buffalo NY 14202 and by video conference, in accordance with NYS Open Meetings Law. A quorum was present as indicated:

Members:

Alexa Wajed
Bernice Radle
Edreys Wajed
Don Siuta

Susan O'Connor Baird (excused)

Ex-Officio Members:

David Bojanowski (County Executive's Office)

Other Attendees:

Thomas E. Baines (Deputy Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development)
Monica Boutin (Project Coordinator)
Tracy Cichocki (Deputy Commissioner Buildings and Grounds)

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum:

- The Arts in Public Places Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Wajed at 12:06 PM, roll call was taken by Monica Boutin and a quorum was declared present.

2. Approval of Draft Minutes:

- Upon motion by Ms. Radle and seconded by Mr. Wajed, the Draft Minutes were unanimously approved.

3. 2025 Large Works Update

- Ms. Boutin and Mr. Cichocki provided an update on 2025 large works.
- Deputy Commissioner Baines noted the need for plaques; discussion ensued regarding style/content options. The Committee supports plaques

similar in style to those used by the AKG and noted the Convention Center mural should have two plaques, one at each end.

4. Small Works Program

- Recommendation of Finalists (*Executive Session*)
 - o Committee members reviewed, discussed, and voted on each semi-finalist work.
 - o Subject to various framing and matting modifications, the Committee voted to recommend each of the 22 semi-finalist works for funding. Projects listed in resolution.

5. Resolutions

- Resolution of The Arts in Public Places Committee Approving Selection of Small Works for the 2025 Small Works Program - APPROVED

6. Unfinished Business

- Whistleblower & Conflict of Interest Certifications: Ms. Radle submitted certifications.

7. New Business

- Curation Committee: Ms. Boutin and Deputy Commissioner Baines discussed the possibility of establishing a Curation Committee specifically for the installation of the Small Works at the Convention Center, a subcommittee to work with Erie County DPW on placement and installation of the exhibit.
- Committee members not present will have an opportunity to join the subcommittee at the next General Committee meeting, prior to any subcommittee work.
- Chairwoman Wajed appointed Mr. Wajed chair of the subcommittee.

8. Adjournment

- Upon motion by Ms. Wajed, and seconded by Mr. Wajed, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.