

ERIE COUNTY ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES

General Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Draft Meeting Minutes

The Art in Public Places General Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at Eat Off Art, 2495 Main St Suite 441, Buffalo, NY 14214, and by video conference, in accordance with NYS Open Meetings Law. A quorum was present as indicated:

Members:

Alexa Wajed
Edreys Wajed
Don Siuta

Susan O'Connor Baird (excused)
Bernice Radle (excused)

Ex-Officio Members:

Tina Shortt (County Legislature's Community Enrichment Committee)

Other Attendees:

Colette Balisteri (Assistant Project Coordinator)

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

The Art in Public Places Committee was called to order by Chairperson Wajed at 12:08 PM. Roll call was taken by Ms. Balisteri, and a quorum was declared present.

2. Approval of Draft Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Wajed and seconded by Chairperson Wajed, the draft May 11, 2026 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

3. 2026 Major Works Update

Chairperson Wajed provided an update on the Isle View Park and Botanical Gardens Major Works Projects.

4. Review 2026 Call for Art – Small Works

The Committee reviewed the 2026 Call for Art for the anticipated Small Works Program and provided edits. The 2026 Small Works collection will be initially

installed at the Buffalo Convention Center with future opportunities to be rotated to other Erie County buildings. Ms. Balisteri will be exploring the option of using the software CaFÉ for administering the Small Works Program. Upon motion by Mr. Wajed and seconded by Mr. Siuta, the 2026 Small Works Call for Art was unanimously approved.

5. Officer Nominations

a. Chair

Chairperson Wajed nominated Mr. Wajed and Mr. Siuta for the Chair position.

b. Vice Chair

Chairperson Wajed nominated Mr. Wajed and Mr. Wajed nominated Chairperson Wajed for the Vice Chair position.

6. Resolutions - None

7. Unfinished Business - None

8. New Business

a. The Art in Public Places Committee will be exploring possible locations for the 2027 Small Works display location

b. Ms. Balisteri will create an inventory of public artwork owned by Erie County including detailed information about the artist, cost, etc.

9. Public Comment - None

10. Adjournment

The Art in Public Places Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:49 PM.