

ERIE COUNTY ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES

General Committee Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2026

Meeting Minutes

The Art in Public Places General Committee Meeting was held on Monday, May 11, 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
Bernice Radle

Susan O'Connor Baird (excused)
Don Siuta (excused)

Ex-Officio Members:

Tina Shortt (County Legislature's Community Enrichment Committee)

Other Attendees:

Colette Balisteri (Assistant Project Coordinator)
Tracy Cichocki (Deputy Commissioner Buildings and Grounds)
Joanna Panasiewicz (Chief Environmental Compliance Specialist) *virtual*

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

- The Art in Public Places Committee was called to order by Chairperson Wajed at 12:20 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 February 11, 2026 meeting minutes were unanimously approved. Ms. Radle abstained having been absent from the February 11, 2026 meeting.

3. Selection Committee Report by Chair

- Chairperson Wajed provided an overview of the 2026 Major Works Selection Committee meetings held on April 27th and May 4th.

- The Selection Committee is recommending “Isle View: Submission 4” be chosen for the Isle View Project location and the 2026 Call for Artists for the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens project location be reopened.
 - Upon motion by Ms. Radle and seconded by Mr. Wajed, the Selection Committee Report was unanimously approved.
4. Resolution
- Upon motion by Ms. Radle and seconded by Mr. Wajed, the Arts in Public Places Committee unanimously approved the selection of Isle View: Submission #4 as the awardee of the 2026 Call for Artists for the Isle View Park project.
5. Major Works: Next Steps
- Chairperson Wajed and Ms. Balisteri reviewed the next steps for the 2026 Major Works projects including artist correspondence, press and social media announcements, and a site visit to the Botanical Gardens project location.
6. Unfinished Business
- a. Alternative program titles for “Small Works Acquisition Program”
 - Based on the Committee’s inaction on this item, upon motion by Mr. Wajed and seconded by Chairperson Wajed, it was unanimously approved to remove this item from upcoming agendas.
7. New Business
- a. Review list of “Small Works” locations and determine a short list for field trip locations.
 - The Committee discussed potential locations for the 2026 Small Works projects. This item will be further discussed at the June 10th General Committee Meeting.
8. Public Comment
- None
9. Adjournment
- Upon motion by Mr. Wajed and seconded by Ms. Radle, and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 1:16 PM.