

Regular Meeting Minutes
Edmond Visual Art Commission Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
4:00 pm

City Hall, Main Street Conference Room B – 22 E Main Street, Edmond, Oklahoma

The agenda for this meeting was posted in the City First Administration Building on February 11, 2025, at 10:53 AM.

EVAC Members Present: Halee Biggs, David Dobson, Bruce Jackson, Michele Koopman, Maggie Murdock Nichols, Amy Stephens, and Jesse Warne

Members Absent: Louise Cleary Cannon, and Robert Looman

Staff Present: Cinda Covell, Casey Clair, Ryan Day, Madison Henderson

Guests Present: Faithanna Olson, and Taylor Wilson

Members of EVAC judged the Arbor Day Art Contest prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

1. Meeting called to order

David Dobson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. Introduction of Visitors

3. Discussion of Arbor Day Art Contest

Leigh Martin announced the contest winners, thanked members for their willingness to partner in judging the contest, and invited members to attend a reception, March 23rd, honoring the winners and the City Council meeting where the awards will be presented.

4. Consideration of Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 24, 2025

Bruce Jackson motioned to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Halee Biggs.

Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Halee Biggs, David Dobson, Bruce Jackson, Michele Koopman, Maggie Murdock Nichols, and Amy Stephens

Nays: None

5. Consideration of Approval of Financials through January 2026

Cinda Covell provided the following information: FY 25-26 began July 1, 2025, with \$161,261.93 in partner matching funds; we currently have a total of \$8,516.93 remaining. We have submitted a request to City Council for additional matching funds. The unrestricted fund balance is \$4,180.50. Maintenance Reserves are unchanged with a balance of \$83,226.10. “Stand” by Jane DeDecker has a Reserve of \$25,300.00.

Michele Koopman motioned to approve the financials as submitted, seconded by Halee Biggs.

Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Halee Biggs, David Dobson, Bruce Jackson, Michele Koopman, Maggie Murdock Nichols, and Amy Stephens

Nays: None

6. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of EVAC Funding Request for FY26-27

Michele Koopman motioned to approve a \$200,000.00 matching funds request for FY26-27, seconded by Bruce Jackson.

Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Halee Biggs, David Dobson, Bruce Jackson, Michele Koopman, Maggie Murdock Nichols, and Amy Stephens

Nays: None

Jesse Warne entered the meeting.

7. Discussion of Park Conservancy Trust (PCT) financials through December 2025

Cinda Covell stated the PCT financials were not available at the time of meeting posting and will be included on the next agenda.

8. Discussion and Consideration of partnering with The Gift Shop, Jenn Klaus, 8 S Broadway for the purchase of “Because Life is Too Short to be Boring” a mural by Savannah Whitehead for a total purchase price of \$7,500.00 with EVAC partnering for half. To be located on the north facing wall in alley of 8 S Broadway.

Cinda Covell provided additional general information.

Halee Biggs motioned to approve partnering for the purchase of “Because Life is Too Short to be Boring” by Savannah Whitehead, seconded by Michele Koopman. David Dobson called for an individual vote.

Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Halee Biggs, David Dobson, Bruce Jackson, Michele Koopman, Maggie Murdock Nichols, Amy Stephens, and Jesse Warne

Nays: None

9. Discussion and Election of Chairperson for the Edmond Visual Arts Commission (EVAC) effective through December of 2026

David Dobson motioned to approve Louise Cleary Cannon as Chairperson for the Edmond Visual Arts Commission, seconded by Michele Koopman.

Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Halee Biggs, David Dobson, Bruce Jackson, Michele Koopman, Maggie Murdock Nichols, Amy Stephens, and Jesse Warne

Nays: None

10. Discussion and Election of Vice Chairperson for the Edmond Visual Arts Commission (EVAC) effective through December of 2026

Michele Koopman motioned to approve David Dobson as Vice Chairperson for the Edmond Visual Arts Commission, seconded by Bruce Jackson.

Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Halee Biggs, David Dobson, Bruce Jackson, Michele Koopman, Maggie Murdock Nichols, Amy Stephens, and Jesse Warne

Nays: None

11. Project Updates: Waxing/Refurbishing, Delivery, Installations, Signage, and Dedications

Cinda Covell provided additional general information.

12. Activity and Update Reports: Fine Arts Institute, History Museum, UCO College of Fine Arts & Design, Uncommon Ground Sculpture Park, Visit Edmond, and Other Public Art Events

Amy Stephens provided an update of activities for the Edmond History Museum.

Jesse Warne provided an update of activities for the UCO College of Fine Arts & Design, Jazz Lab and Melton Gallery.

David Dobson provided an update of activities for the Fine Arts Institute.

Casey Clair provided an update of activities for Visit Edmond.

Michele Koopman provided general information regarding Gallery T, a new art gallery that will be opening soon in downtown Edmond.

13. Citizens Comments

None

14. Comments from the Edmond Visual Arts Commission Chair and Members

None

15. Adjournment

David Dobson adjourned the meeting at 5:07 pm.

Cinda Covell, Staff Liaison

Louise Cleary Cannon, EVAC Chairperson