

Minutes

Public Art Committee

September 10, 2026

11:00AM-1:00 PM

Metro Southeast Facility

1417 Murfreesboro Pike

Antioch Room

Nashville, TN 37217



METRO ARTS MISSION:

Drive an Equitable and Vibrant Community through the Arts

Committee Members: Campbell West (Chair), Jilah Kalil (Commissioner), Sara Lee Burd, Shaun Giles, Stacey Irvin, Ashley Bachelder (Executive Director, *ex-officio*)

Absent: Evan Brown and Tre Hardin

Metro Arts Staff: Anne-Leslie Owens, Atilio Murga, Masonya Osei and Vivian Foxx

A. Welcome and Call to Order

Chair West called meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. and roll call was taken.

B. Public Comments

No public Comments in person or submitted online.

C. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve meeting minutes from July 9, 2026, by Commissioner Kalil and seconded by Community member Sara Lee Burd. Motion passed.

D. Action Items

1. Recommendation for new location for *Soundboard Sliders* bike rack

Anne-Leslie Owens reported on the status of the *Soundboard Sliders* bike rack re-siting. It has been removed from its original location and is currently in storage. A new location at Sevier Park is being considered. Conversations are ongoing with the Historical Commission, Parks, and NDOT about final placement. Jarvis is repainting the bike rack and staff are preparing for the donation process. A final location recommendation was anticipated to come to PAC as an action item this month. That location approval was deferred until next month.

E. Project Updates

1. Mariposa Park Public Art

Masonya Osei shared photos from Mariposa Park's opening celebration on August 22, a well-attended event with strong community turnout, where it was announced that there would be a future public artwork for the site. The RFQ is being finalized for a September release. A tentative project timeline puts installation about two years out.

2. Nashville Youth Campus for Empowerment (NYCE) 1 & 2

Atilio Murga reported that the lobby artwork by William Massey is in final design stage. The concept design is expected to come to PAC and Commission for approval next month. Separately, the completed artworks for the Empowerment Collection are beginning to be submitted, with submissions expected to wrap by mid-October. Staff are collecting footage and documentation of the completed artworks as they are turned in to Metro Arts and put into storage.

3. Arthur Ave

Anne-Leslie Owens reported that artist Alex Braden is beginning final lighting programming work. Final sitework is in progress, including touch-up painting for scratches on the recently painted blue beams, along with and sidewalks, curbs, etc. An MOU for long-term maintenance is in development. Completion is targeted for end of October with a dedication shortly after.

F. New Business

Next Meeting is October 15, 2026

G. Adjourn

Chair West adjourned meeting at 11:36 a.m.