



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Arts Board

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

8:30 AM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair at 8:30am.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Chris Kahlow, Jennifer Morris, Eva Black, Paige Manges, Mary Cate Wesling, Maureen Freedland, Andrew Sherman

Excused: 1 - Dillon McArdle

Absent: 1 - Vacant 1

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Freedland, seconded by Manges to approve the January Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

Notices and Discussions

Agenda Items:

[25-1389](#)

Discussion and request to approve meeting start time change to 8am.

A motion was made by Morris, seconded by Sherman, that this Request be DENIED . The motion carried by voice vote.

[26-0116](#)

Request to approve Bailey Nelson with Pearl Street Gallery for the Community Impact Grant for \$9,000.

A motion was made by Morris, seconded by Black, that the Request be APPROVED . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Kahlow, Morris, Black, Wesling, Freedland

Excused: 1 - McArdle

Absent: 1 - Vacant 1

Abstain: 1 - Sherman

Recuse: 1 - Manges

[26-0117](#)

Request to approve Paige Manges with The Nature Place for the Creative Development Grant for \$3,500.

A motion was made by Wesling, seconded by Sherman, that the Request be APPROVED . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Kahlow, Morris, Black, Wesling, Freedland, Sherman

Excused: 1 - McArdle

Absent: 1 - Vacant 1

Recuse: 1 - Manges

[26-0118](#)

Request to approve Cullan Lucas with Driftless Urban Orchestra for the Community Impact Grant for \$12,000.

Amount amended to \$10,000 per the grant guidelines

A motion was made by Freedland, seconded by Wesling, that the Request be APPROVED AS AMENDED . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Kahlow, Morris, Black, Wesling, Freedland, Sherman

Excused: 1 - McArdle

Absent: 1 - Vacant 1

Recuse: 1 - Manges

[26-0119](#)

Request to approve Gregg Hall for the Community Impact Grant for \$7,000.

A motion was made by Wesling, seconded by Sherman, that the Request be DENIED . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Kahlow, Morris, Black, Wesling, Freedland, Sherman

Excused: 1 - McArdle

Absent: 1 - Vacant 1

Recuse: 1 - Manges

[26-0120](#)

Request to approve Juliet Maya Buri for the Creative Development Grant for \$3,162.

A motion was made by Freedland, seconded by Kahlow to approve as amended and pay half of the requested amount. The motion failed by the following vote:

No-Morris, Black, Wesling, Sherman

Yes- Freedland, Kahlow

Recuse-Manges

Excused-McArdle

Absent-Vaccant 1

A motion was made by Black, seconded by Sherman to approve, the motion carried by the following vote:

Yes- Freedland, Black, Morris, Sherman, Wesling

Abstain-Kahlow
Recuse-Manges
Excused-McArdle
Absent-Vaccant 1

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06am.

Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

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