



City of Bristol
Arts & Culture Commission

INFORMATION TO ACCESS MEETING

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 6:00 PM in Meeting Room 1-3 in City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT 06010.

1. Call to Order

Chair Lewandoski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Attendance

Members Present:

Chair Walter Lewandowski
Vice Chair Andrea Adams
Commissioner Julie Crist
Commissioner Juliet Norton
Commissioner Maria Salice
Commissioner Nigel Wynter
Commissioner E. Brad Yancy
City Council Liaison Greg Hahn
Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Theriault

Absent:

None

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes: August 5, 2026, City Arts and Culture Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Made by Vice Chair Adams to approve the August 5, 2026, City Arts and Culture Commission Regular Meeting.
Seconded by Commissioner Crist; all in favor; motion carried.

3. Public Participation

Victoria Biondi, Treasurer of the New England Carousel Museum's Museum Board, presented upcoming events at the museum, such as Glow Sessions, a collaboration with Creative Art Jam. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Made by Vice Chair Adams to move the Chairman's Report up on the agenda. Commissioner Wynter; all in favor; motion carried.

5. Chairman's Report

Chair Lewandoski presented an update on the Poly-Resin Heart Sculpture. Chair Lewandoski planned to attend the Veterans Council Meeting to present the Military-themed mural to be created on the concrete wall of the Urban Garden on Veterans Memorial Boulevard; discussion followed.

4. Arts and Culture Supervisor's Report

a. Supervisor's Report

Arts and Culture Supervisor Arianna Therriault presented the Supervisor's Report. Supervisor Therriault updated the commission on current ticket sales, upcoming Downtown Live shows at the Rockwell Theater, the newest sponsorship with Lake Compounce, and the Part-Time Arts and Culture position. Discussion followed.

b. Project Spreadsheet

Nothing to Report

c. Year-to-Date Financials

Nothing to report.

6. Old Business

a. Traffic Box Updates: Cassandra Sims at Stafford Ave and Washington Street, and Joe Johnson and Chair Lewandoski at Green Hills and Pine Street.

Commissioner Crist presented an update on the partnership with Home Depot and will meet with them on September 7, 2026. Cassandra Sims accepted the project but is waiting to hear the results of the Home Depot meeting. Chair Lewandoski and Joe Johnson are still working on their design for the Pine Street location; Discussion followed.

b. Poly Resin Heart Update

Arts and Culture Supervisor Therriault presented the update on the Poly-Resin Heart Sculpture. Amanda Mendoza completed the painting, and Supervisor Therriault scheduled pickup for next week. Discussion followed.

c. Mum Festival: Confirm Time Slots from Commission Members & Home Depot Involvement

Vice Chair Andrea Adams presented information about the Arts and Culture Commission's booth at the Mum Festival. Discussion followed.

d. Confirm Plaque Verbiage for Heart Sculptures

Arts and Culture Supervisor Therriault presented the plaque verbiage for the Heart Sculptures. Discussion followed.

e. By Commissioners

Nothing to report.

7. New Business

a. By Commissioners

Commissioner Salice informed the commission that the Louise Lauretano DeMars Love of Art Fund for performing artists will be released soon. Commissioner Salice will send out the information to the commission once it is available. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Crist informed the commission that Gloria Dei Lutheran Church will host a Multi-Cultural Day on September 19, 2026. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Norton informed the commission of an event at the New England Carousel Museum with Megan Minor of Lake Compounce, and asked about hosting a movie night to coincide with the Bristol Historical Society's Annual West Cemetery Lantern Tours. Discussion followed.

8. Reports and Committee Reports

a. City Council Liaison Report

City Council Liaison Hahn updated the commission about the city's consideration of purchasing Chippabee Golf Course. An informational meeting is tomorrow for the community to share their thoughts on the proposed purchase. Discussion followed.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Crist to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.
Seconded by Commissioner Salice; all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amaris Estrada
Recording Secretary
City Arts and Culture Commission