

Lowell Cultural Council

Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2026

Attending: Brendan Conroy; Erin Duffey (Administrator); Beth Noel; Meghan Rourke; Jack Traphagan; Bethanne Welch; Kshitij Karke (KK); Rona Gofstein;

Absent: Timmy Al-Muntafik

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM.

1. Review and signature of reimbursements
 - a. Reimbursements were reviewed and signed by members present.
- 2.
3. Social media presence and management for the LCC
 - a. Idea: build a calendar of LCC-funded events and schedule posts via Hootsuite, cross-posting to Facebook and Instagram.
 - b. Action: figure out Hootsuite setup and posting cadence.
4. Review and discussion of received applications for council members
 - a. Applicants under review: Hunter Berube; Susana Restrepo Gil; Brenda Kol; Kris Claudio-Hernandez.
 - b. Process discussed: applicants should attend a meeting and come back a couple of times to demonstrate they can show up consistently. Next step is to invite each applicant to an upcoming meeting, gauge their interest after attending, and proceed from there.
 - c. Context: May is Rona's last meeting, so getting applicants engaged for the next cycle is timely.
5. Discussion and planning of Council Initiated Program for 2026
 - a. Hive Market was emailed; one contact at the Hive has been in touch. Awaiting reply about using their space for an artisan market as the CIP venue.
6. Planning for the grantee reception
 - a. Targeting an evening date in September.
 - b. Option A: hold it on the regularly scheduled meeting day (September 22) and use the reception venue as the meeting space.
 - c. Option B: Thursday, September 24.
 - d. Reception is expected to run approximately 1 hour 40 minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

END