

Lowell Cultural Council

Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2026

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

Absent: Timmy Al-Muntafik; Rona Gofstein; Beth Noel;

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM.

1. Review and signature of reimbursements
 - a. Reimbursements were signed in person.
2. Social media presence and management for the LCC
 - a. Discussion of using a scheduler like Hootsuite.
 - b. Tabled until next meeting.
3. Review and discussion of received applications for council members and recruitment efforts
 - a. Open question: should the requirement for those involved be "greater Lowell" (versus strict Lowell residency)?
 - b. LCC social accounts should post promotion, and recruitment content can be added there. Lowell Folk Festival could be a good time to promote and recruit. Idea: recruitment cards funded out of admin money.
 - c. Action items: recruitment cards (confirm design and print); social media posts for recruitment; potentially change residency requirement (Lowell-only to greater Lowell); post on social media; send to Beth; next meeting agenda includes succession of social media accounts.
4. Discussion and planning of Council-Initiated Program for 2026 — Lowell Artisan Market
 - a. Tabled until next meeting.
5. Review of Public Art Permit Application from Project Learn
 - a. Signed by those in person (Brendan).
 - b. Public art permits will be handled by Erin going forward.
6. Planning for the grantee reception
 - a. Possibility: hold the LCC meeting at the reception itself.
 - b. Targeting September.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.

END