

Nashua Arts Commission
Meeting minutes
Sept. 8, 2026

In attendance:

Jennifer Annand

Stephanie Moll

Tina Cassidy

Lindsay Rinaldi

Sara Ceaser

Lauren Spira-Savett

Paula Lochhead

Absent: Chuck Emmons, Faith Mandravelis, Jane Marquis

City reps: Alderman-at-Large Morgan, Kathleen Palmer

Call to Order: 8:06 am. **Roll Call of Members.**

Motion to Approve: August 2026 minutes – Motion to Approve was made by **Paula** and seconded by **Stephanie**, all in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman's Report

Discussion on reappointments and waitlist for commission. Mike McDowell needs to be sworn in, but there are still two openings, with four people interested. **Lindsay** and **Jenn** will arrange conversations with interested parties, in order to make recommendations to Mayor.

Old Business

FY27 Budget and Project Planning: **Lindsay** proposed an allocation percentage for grants versus commission projects of the \$45k the commission has for this fiscal year. After some talk about formerly discussed proposed projects, some potential financial partnerships to accomplish them, and a call to action for the commission members to review them before the next meeting (eg, review Mindmap and those mentioned in previous meeting Minutes), a Motion to Approve the current budget allocation was made by **Lauren**, seconded by **Tina**, all in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Grant subcommittee: The FY27 grants subcommittee was roughly formed, with **Jenn** as current Chair (first meeting will include electing a new Chair, so Jenn can train that person in advance of her upcoming term ending) and **Lauren** and **Sara** volunteering to be members. Jenn will reach out to others to see if they will participate.

ACTION ITEMS for all commissioners:

GOAL: Identify a list of priorities (both strategic and project-based) for the NAC to achieve in the current fiscal year.

All commissioners are asked to review past project proposals and be prepared to advocate for the projects you want to see as part of this year's workload. New project ideas are also welcome. Please run your preferred projects through the NAC Project Rubric so that you come to the meeting with a score.

Motion to Adjourn: 9:18 am, made by **Paula**, seconded by **Tina**, all in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: **8 am Tuesday, October 13, 2026**

Attachments

FYI- some of these files are big and will take some time to load. Please have patience.

- [Digital Kiosk pricing quotes from June 26 minutes](#)
- [Project Proposals from April 26 minutes](#)
- [Arts Projects Brainstorm Map submitted by Liz and NAC Project Rubric from Jan 26 minutes](#)