



Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION January 13, 2026

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) meeting recorded at 6:00pm on January 13, 2026 held at Tempe History Museum.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Matt Ellsworth
Bryan Esparza
Haylee Mills – Vice-chair
Emilie Renteria
Lisa Roach
Teresa Robinette
Jacqueline Swan – Chair

City Staff Present:

Brenda Abney, Deputy Director – Arts & Culture Division
Joy Cortright, Administrative Analyst – Arts & Culture Division
Kara Osburn, Sr Financial Analyst – Arts & Culture Division

Guest(s) Present:

None

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Kevin Godfrey-Chevalier
Andrea Hanley
Angela Russell
Kendra Sollars

Call to Order

- **Jacqueline Swan**, TACC Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of the December 9, 2025 Arts & Culture Commission Minutes

J. Swan asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated December 9, 2025.

MOTION: Teresa Robinette moved to approve December 9, 2025 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes
SECOND: Bryan Esparza seconded
AYES: Matt Ellsworth, Bryan Esparza, Haylee Mills, Emilie Renteria, Lisa Roach, Theresa Robinette, Jacqueline Swan
ABSTAIN: Emilie Renteria
NAYS: None
RESULT: Motion passed with a 6-0 vote
ABSENT: Kevin Godfrey-Chevalier, Andrea Hanley, Angela Russell, Kendra Sollars

Agenda Item 3 – Report FY26 Arts & Culture Programming Revenue

Kara Osburn, Sr Budget and Financial Analyst for Arts & Culture, gave a report on mid-year revenue for programs delivered by the Tempe Arts & Culture Division. See attachment A.

Agenda Item 4 – Presentation & Discussion: FY26 Mid-year Recap

Brenda Abney, Deputy CS Director of Arts & Culture, gave a presentation of programs offered by the Arts & Culture Division through Tempe Community Arts, Tempe Public Art, Tempe History Museum, and Tempe Center for the Arts.

Agenda Item 5 – TACC Member Liaison Activity

Jacqueline Swan: visited Terraforma exhibition at TCA Gallery; gave presentation about being a commissioner and leading TAM-C for Tempe Leadership A+C Day

Teresa Robinette: visited Terraforma exhibition at TCA Gallery; Ruta Verbena; Palm Springs international Film Festival;

Matt Ellsworth: attended Sweet Honey in the Rock at TCA; visited Terraforma exhibition at TCA Gallery; Mill Ave between University and 10th Burrito League;

Bryan Esparza: visited Terraforma exhibition at TCA Gallery; involved in panels for Parks and Indian Bend Wash

Lisa Roach: visited Terraforma exhibition at TCA Gallery; attended Tempe Leadership A+C Day

Haylee Mills: panelist for TCA Gallery/Post Office; work for TAM-C; visited Terraforma exhibition at TCA Gallery; bid and won a ceramic piece from TCA Gallery; attended Stray Cat Theatre show; spoke at Tempe Leadership A+C Day

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm

Prepared by: Joy Cortright