



McMahon Memorial Auditorium : Arts and Humanities Committee

**Minutes
 Monthly Meeting
 Arts and Humanities Committee
 a committee of the
 McMahon Auditorium Authority
 October 1, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.
 Carnegie Library Town Hall**

Teresa Abram
 (Chair)

Alison Offield
 (Vice Chair)

Melissa Beck
 Leah Chaffins
 Dr. Natalie McCabe
 Indie Michaels
 Darius Monroe
 Dr. Charles Owens
 Reginald Ramey
 Max Sasseen

Jason Poudrier
 Arts & Humanities
 Administrator

Andrea Morman
 Deputy Arts &
 Humanities
 Administrator

Michell Rosario
 Arts & Humanities
 Community Events &
 Outreach Coordinator

Haley Moore
 Arts & Humanities
 Digital Media &
 Records Specialist

Reagan Phillips
 Arts & Humanities
 Administrative
 Assistant

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL – 4:00 pm

PRESENT: Abram, Beck, Chaffins, McCabe, Owens
 ABSENT: Offield, Monroe, Ramey, Micheals, Sasseen
 STAFF: Rosario, Moore, Phillips

VERIFY POSTING OF MEETING

Action: Verification of posting time, place, and date

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are considered to be routine by the Arts and Humanities Committee and will be enacted with one motion. Should discussion be desired on an item, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda prior to action and considered separately.

1. Consider approving minutes from September 2, 2025.
2. Consider approving financial report for September 2025.
 Motion by Chaffins to accept the minutes from September 2, 2025 and the bank reconciliation from September 2025. Second by McCabe.
 Beck, Chaffins, McCabe, and Owens voted yes. Motion carried.

CHAIR’S REPORT

3. General announcements and updates
 none

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Receive reports and take action as necessary.

4. Sub Committees

Phillips reported that the Arts and Humanities’ Cultural Awards forms are live on the website. Moore assured the committee that there will be a flyer ready the next week.

Abram thanked Rosario for her work on the naturalization reception. She explained that somehow there was a miscommunication and people thought the ceremony was at the Hilton and others thought that it was at the Museum of the Great Plains, but going back through emails, the miscommunication was not on the committees end.

Phillips reported that there may be a subgranting application coming through in the near future. She said that she spoke with someone on the phone earlier who is establishing a new non-profit in Lawton and they were interested in our subgranting process.

Chaffins reported that Katherine Moody Hall is coming possibly in February to give a talk about indie publishing and the history of Open Mic in the state of Oklahoma, particularly slam poetry. Chaffins also reported that there will be a Christmas reading on December 19th at the local bookstore, Amethyst and Ink.

BUSINESS ITEMS

5. Review annual meeting notice for calendar year 2026 and take action as necessary.

Abram introduced this item. Phillips assured that the meeting notice is not due until December 15, 2025, but she wanted to bring it to the committee early in the case that changes needed to be made.

Motion by Beck to approve the 2026 Annual Meeting Notice. Second by Owens.

Beck, Chaffins, McCabe, and Owens voted yes. Motion carried.

6. Review Marketing materials for Arts and Cultural Awards and discuss collaboration in support of Arts for All Gala and Arts for All Lunch in and take action as necessary.

There was confusion on what the collaboration would entail outside of choosing the awards winners and preparing the awards. This item was tabled as there was not much information to discuss.

7. Discuss Arts for All membership requirements and take action as necessary.

Abram introduced this item. Phillips reported that over the past 25 years, the Arts and Humanities committee has not been a member of Arts for All. There was discussion over member requirements and if, due to conflicts of interests, the Arts and Humanities Committee and the McMahon Auditorium Authority would not be considered a Member Organization of Arts For All, but instead a Friend of Arts for All. The committee decided to table this item because they did not have enough information.

8. Discuss support and possible collaboration with Holiday in the Park.

Phillips introduced this item and explained that City of Lawton Arts and Humanities Division's' new role in the annual Holiday in the Park event. The committee discussed what this item possibly entailed and whether they will be required to work the event, just needed for possible volunteer set up hours, or financial support. The Arts and Humanities committee decided to support the collaboration between the City of Lawton Arts and Humanities division and Holiday in the Park.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS

McCabe announced that Cameron University's production of Unity 1918 open Thursday, October 2 and will run through Sunday, October 5.

Beck announced that Lawton Community Theatre's production of Noises Off will take place in mid November and they will be having auditions for their production of Sweeney Todd in December.

Abram announced that the Great Plains Technology Center is currently celebrating Manufacturing Day.

ADJOURNMENT – 4:42 pm