



DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS & HUMANITIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – May 27, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities was called to order at 4:02 PM on Wednesday, May 27, 2026. The meeting was held virtually in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, with participants joining via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Reggie Van Lee – Chairperson
Gretchen Wharton – Vice Chairperson
Julianne Brienza – Secretary
Janice Kim – Treasurer
Hector Torres
Carla Sims
Cecily Habimana
Demetrius Butler

Members Absent:

Cora Masters Barry
Maggie O'Neil
Kymber Menkiti

QUORUM

A quorum was established.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chairperson Reggie Van Lee delivered the Land Acknowledgment.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Myers provided a brief update on agency operations, budget developments, grants, strategic planning, and upcoming programming. He reported on the status of the FY27 budget process, recent agency engagement efforts across the District, preparations for the upcoming Rip Tear exhibition, the forthcoming open call for the 2026 Summer Go-Go Series, recent grant activity, and ongoing strategic planning efforts involving commissioners, grantees, and community stakeholders.

STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION

Commissioners discussed the ongoing strategic planning process and upcoming stakeholder engagement opportunities.

GRANTS AND PROGRAMMING UPDATE

The Committee received updates regarding grantmaking activities and upcoming agency programming.

BUDGET UPDATE

The Committee discussed the status of the FY27 budget process and ongoing Council deliberations affecting agency operations and priorities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee entered Executive Session for permitted discussions. No other new business was publicly introduced.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was introduced.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Van Lee announced that there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 5:30 PM.