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A Commitment to Service

AGENDA

NAPA COUNTY ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

9:00 A.M. MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026

Christopher DeNatale, Chair
Arts Council Napa Valley

David Ruane, Vice Chair
Youth Arts

James Thomas Bailey
Presentation/Performing Arts

Andrea Saenz
Education of Arts & Culture

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Creation of Arts & Culture
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Jeff Prather
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2. Email your comment to anthony.halstead@countyofnapa.org. Your comment will be shared with the members of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

(At this time, anyone may address the Committee regarding any subject not on today's agenda over which the Advisory Committee has jurisdiction. No action will be taken by the Advisory Committee on such public comments other than possibly scheduling the item for a future meeting)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Request approval of the minutes for the regular meeting held on October 27, 2025.

IV. COUNTY REPORT ON ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ISSUES

V. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Discussion and possible action to recommend new committee member to the Napa County Board of Supervisors.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - Adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Napa County Arts & Culture Advisory Committee at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 27, 2026.

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MINUTES



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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Chair DeNatale (non-voting member), with the following members present: David Ruane, James Thomas Bailey, Evy Warshawski, Jeff Prather, Jesse Petrick, Teresa Ann Foss, and Andrea Saenz.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment was provided.

Library Director, Anthony Halstead announced the recruitment of a new committee member with Evy Warshawski, attending this last meeting of 2025.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Request approval of the April 28, 2025, meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the April 28, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes: Bailey

Second: Saenz

Motion Passed: 7-0.

IV. COUNTY REPORT ON ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ISSUES

Saenz reported low attendance at the Napa Valley Education Foundation's Discovery Campus Open House, held on Sunday, September 28, 2025. Committee discussed support by promoting events via their social media accounts.

V. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS

a) Discussion amendments to the grant application and procedures.

The following are the Collaborative Grant changes:

Application link goes to both the collaborative groups to fill out and attach supporting PDF letter.

If lead group does not obtain the information from the collaborative, they will not be funded next year.

Enable reviewer comments feature on Submittable. Collaborative grantee and second group both receive the report.

Reiterate in collaborative grant section that both organizations must be arts & culture non-profit organization with a 501(c)(3) or fiscal sponsor in Napa with 501(c)(3) status for at least one year.

Motion by Bailey to incorporate Collaborative Grants and Tourism changes.

Second: Ruane

Motion Passed: 7-0

The following are the Tourism/General Arts Grant edits:

Saenz commented on the possibility of participating if the posts could be combined. DeNatale Commented, the board may push back on tourism/General Arts changes since our money comes from hotel tax. Bailed commented, the problem on our end, people don't know which to pick. General Arts is receiving smaller requests, while Tourism is getting larger ones based on annual budget.

No changes. Decision to leave as is.

The following are to be included in submittable part of the application for committee to look at:

Add self-report section to the application, asking applicants to estimate the percentage of their income that goes towards tourism. Application and post grant, what percentage of your organization's earnings are both income and from visitors (zip codes outside of Napa) and their patronage.

No changes. Leave as is with these stated edits.

b) Review Napa County Post- Grant Reporting Form for 2024-2025 Grant Award Recipients.

Saenz suggested allocating an hour's block for recipients during the awards. Tourism driven starting at 9 am, followed by General Arts at 10:30 am. Book Lifeworks and live stream. Provide copies of the agenda and the committee's questions for those waiting.

Non action item.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Chair Chris DeNatale commented on granted events, he attended Shakespeare stroll, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and Cafeteria Kids.

DeNatale commented that the City of Napa is in escrow on Harvest Middle School- it is a recreational space with no intent and encouraged all arts organizations to submit their interests, get involved, and have their voice hear.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Appoint new committee member

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - Adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Napa County Arts & Culture Advisory Committee at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 26, 2026.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. to the next regular meeting of the Napa County Arts & Culture Advisory Committee on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 9:00 AM.

CHRIS DENATALE, Chair

ATTEST:

ANTHONY HALSTEAD, Secretary of the Committee

Application for Appointment to Board, Commission, Committee, Task Force or Position

Applicants appointed by the Board of Supervisors will be required to take an oath of office. All applications will be kept on file for one year from the date of application.

Public Records Act

Applications are public records that are subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act. Information provided by the applicant is not regarded as confidential except for the addresses and phone numbers of references and the applicant's personal information including home and work addresses, phone numbers and email address.

Form 700 Conflict of Interest Code

[California Fair Political Practices Website](#)

Please note that appointees may be required by state law and county conflict of interest code to file financial disclosure statements.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Napa County Arts and Culture Advisory Committee: Submitted

Category of Membership for Which You Are Applying

Board memeber

Profile

Liam _____ Gorman _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Email Address

Home Address Suite or Apt

Napa _____ CA _____ 94558
City State Postal Code

Which supervisorial district do you reside in? *

District 2

To find your supervisorial district go to <https://www.countyofnapa.org/1334/About-the-Board>, click on "Look Up My District" and enter your address.

Primary Phone

CSULB

Employer

Art Student

Job Title

Art Student

Occupation

Education/Experience

Art Student at CSU Long Beach

Name and occupation of spouse within the last 12 months, if married. (For conflict of Interest purposes)

Resume

Upload a Resume

Letter of Recommendation or Supplemental Attachments

Professional or occupational license, date of issue, and expiration including status

Art Student

References: Provide names and phone numbers of 3 individuals who are familiar with your background.

Community Participation

Please explain your reasons for wishing to serve and, in your opinion, how you feel you could contribute.

Art Student

Nature of activity and community location

Art Student

Other County Board/Commission/Committee on Which You Serve/Have Served

Public Actions that may impact Credit Rating (List all court or other public administration actions impacting your credit rating within the past ten (10) years)

Electronic Signature Agreement

Liam Gorman

I meet the criteria required to serve in this position.

Yes No

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Yes No

Please Agree with the Following Statement

By checking the "I agree" box below, you agree and acknowledge that 1) your application will not be signed in the sense of a traditional paper document, 2) by signing in this alternate manner, you authorize your electronic signature to be valid and binding upon you to the same force and effect as a handwritten signature, and 3) you may still be required to provide a traditional signature at a later date.

I Agree

Electronic Signature (First M. Last)

L Gorman

Date

11-28-2025