

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

9:15 AM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88687811677>

University of Miami, Lowe Art Museum

Cultural Development Board

Chairperson Leslie Pantin
Vice Chairperson Jose Valdes-Fauli
Board Member Geannina Burgos
Board Member Ray Corral
Board Member Eric Fliss
Board Member Amanda Requena
Board Member Frank Rodriguez

The Cultural Development Board will hold its regular meeting commencing at 9:15 a.m. Board Members and City Staff will be physically present. All interested persons may be heard via the Zoom platform used by the City for live remote comments.

Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88687811677>.

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To speak on an Agenda Item, please "Raise your Hand" or send a message to one of the meeting hosts using the Zoom Platform. If you joined the meeting via telephone, you can "Raise your Hand" by pressing *9.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Chairperson Pantin, Board Member Burgos, Vice Chairperson Valdes-Fauli, Board Member Corral, Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena and Board Member Rodriguez

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A.-1. [25-8711](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of February 18, 2025.

Attachments: [CDB Minutes February 18, 2025 Draft CC](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Valdes-Fauli to approve the meeting minutes of February 18, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Yeas: 7 - Chairperson Pantin, Board Member Burgos, Vice Chairperson Valdes-Fauli, Board Member Corral, Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena and Board Member Rodriguez

B. NEW BUSINESS

C. OLD BUSINESS

D. CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES

25-8543

Cultural Grant Updates 2025

Attachments: [Change Request Summary - March 2025](#)
[the Last Hundred Change Rqst 03042025](#)

Board members were advised of updates to programs from current grantees. Members agreed that it should be emphasized that program offerings should not be reduced based on the funding amount received from the city.

Mr. Fliss reported on the City Commission approval of the Cultural Grant updates, including the addition of the Coral Gables Youth Arts Program category (CGYAP).

E. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES25-8544

AiPP Active Project Lists

Attachments: [AiPP Projects Municipal & Private February 2025](#)

Board members were updated on current Art in Public Places projects.

The Board discussed the pending Senate Bill discussed at the previous meeting and how it may affect the program if passed. There was some concern expressed about adding to the public art collection at this time, while acknowledging that a significant artwork is still desired for Ponce Circle Park and what a reasonable amount may be to spend on this project. Staff shared the Arts Advisory Panel's discussion about setting aside an amount as an endowment to ensure maintenance of the collection moving forward. Members agreed with pursuing the idea and requested staff to do further research.

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

The Board was advised of City Commission approvals for FY2025-2026 Cultural Grant funding and of the Gables Go! virtual/digital project through the company IMX3.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

H. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

Board members were reminded of the upcoming annual Boards and Committees Reception.

Board members were informed about the annual Serving the Arts Awards event on Monday, April 21st at Miracle Theatre, including award recognition to Ms. Cathers for her work with Public Art.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 and was followed by a tour of the University of Miami's public art collection led by Dr. Tola Porter of the Lowe Art Museum.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 15 at 9:30 a.m. at the Coral Gables Museum, Sister City room.

NOTE