

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

9:30 AM

Sister Cities Conference Room - Coral Gables Museum

Cultural Development Board

Chairperson Jose Valdes-Fauli
Vice Chairperson Frank Rodriguez
Board Member Eric Fliss
Board Member Sergio Gonzalez-Arias
Board Member Armando Hassun
Board Member Barbara Perez
Board Member Amanda Requena

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena, Vice Chairperson Rodriguez, Chairperson Valdes-Fauli, Board Member Perez, Board Member Hassun and Board Member Gonzalez-Arias

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[26-1135](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of January 20, 2026.

Attachments: [CDB Minutes Januaryy 20, 2026 Draft CC](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Hassun and seconded by Vice-Chair Rodriguez to approve the meeting minutes of January 20, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

B. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

C. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

D. CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES

Board members were provided with updates of cultural grant recipient programs, including invitations to attend, and provided with the Cultural Grant cycle dates for FY26-27. Board members discussed moving the May meeting to the week prior. Ms. Cathers said she will check dates and report back to the Board.

E. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES

[25-8544](#) AiPP Active Project Lists

Attachments: [AiPP acquisition update March 2026 2 per](#)
[AiPP Project Updates 032027](#)

Art in Public Places project updates were provided to the Board, including the recent installation of the Lynda Benglis sculpture at Regency Parc that will be revealed when the development project is complete. The Board was also notified that the Louise Nevelson proposal has been placed on hold at the request of the proposer.

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

Ms. Cathers advised the Board that the location of the Julio Larraz sculpture was approved for installation at Aragon Ave. and Merrick Way by the City Commission, along with the Art in Public Places private developer waiver request to commission and donate artwork by Alicja Kwade.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board discussed having an overview of all active projects with visuals for reference. Staff will prepare for the next meeting.

Mr. Fliss gave an overview of the recent Miami-Dade State of the Arts, including current budgetary challenges.

H. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

Board members were reminded of the final Intervals event on Thursday at the Hotel Colonnade from 5 - 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

NOTE