

City of Coral Gables



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

9:30 AM

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

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

The Cultural Development Board will hold its regular meeting commencing at 9:30 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>.

A dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 886 8781 1677.

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 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena, Vice Chairperson Rodriguez, Chairperson Valdes-Fauli, Board Member Hassun and Board Member Gonzalez-Arias

Excused: 1 - Board Member Perez

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Present: 6 - Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena, Vice Chairperson Rodriguez, Chairperson Valdes-Fauli, Board Member Hassun and Board Member Gonzalez-Arias

Excused: 1 - Board Member Perez

[26-1834](#)

Cultural Development Board Meeting of June 16, 2026.

Attachments: [CDB Minutes June 16, 2026 Draft](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Fliss and seconded by Mr. Gonzalez-Arias to approve the meeting minutes of June 16, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

Yeas: 6 - Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena, Vice Chairperson Rodriguez, Chairperson Valdes-Fauli, Board Member Hassun and Board Member Gonzalez-Arias

Excused: 1 - Board Member Perez

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 copies of the published Exile Projects book: "Espresso Editions, Conversations on Print Culture in Miami". The book was partially funded through the Cultural Grant program. It was noted that Exile Projects holds many of their programs in Coral Gables and the book featured interviews with print culture professionals in Coral Gables.

The Board was notified of the FY27-28 Cultural Grant calendar dates, which are also included on the city's Cultural Grant webpage.

Board members discussed the benefits of dividing the review and scoring meeting into two separate dates. Staff responded that they will look into this as an option.

E. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES

[25-8544](#)

AiPP Active Project Lists

Attachments: [AiPP acquisition update March 2026 2 per](#)
[AiPP Projects Municipal & Private May 2026](#)

Board members received a copy of active Art in Public Places projects.

Staff reported feedback from the Arts Advisory Panel regarding Ponce Circle Park and their recommendation to create infrastructure to support significant permanent or temporary artworks in the east and west, central, side areas of the park. In addition, they expressed the possibility to include bases for temporary, rotating artworks in the planting areas on either side of the Odeon on the south side of the park. The Panel advised against options for more artwork in the area where the Frank Stella sculpture will be installed.

The Board was advised of the Panel's recommendation to budget (approximately) \$2.5 million dollars for additional permanent artworks.

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

Staff updated the Board on the City Commission approval of the Intervals 2026 temporary exhibition and of the FY26-27 Cultural Grant allocations. Mr. Fliss was thanked for his appearance before the Commission. Mr. Fliss reported that there was overall support and appreciation of the Grants program.

The Board was advised of an update to the Morel Doucet sculpture base, recommending a sculptural bronze top plate to replace the sculpted concrete. The recommendation, with additional funding, will be presented to the City Commission at their August meeting.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS**H. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY**

Board members discussed alternate dates for meeting in August and as-a-whole agreed that August 12 is the best option.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 18 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

NOTE