

# **City of Coral Gables**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

**9:15 AM**

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

**Sister Cities Conference Room - Coral Gables 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>.

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 9:17 a.m.

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Chairperson Pantin, Board Member Burgos, Vice Chairperson Valdes-Fauli, Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena and Board Member Rodriguez

**Excused:** 1 - Board Member Corral

## A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A.-1. [25-8611](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of January 21, 2025.

**Attachments:** [CDB Minutes Januaryy 21, 2025 Draft CC](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Fliss and seconded by Ms. Burgos to approve the meeting minutes of January 21, 2025. the motion passed unanimously.

**Yeas:** 6 - Chairperson Pantin, Board Member Burgos, Vice Chairperson Valdes-Fauli, Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena and Board Member Rodriguez

**Excused:** 1 - Board Member Corral

## B. NEW BUSINESS

**B.-1.    [25-8654](#)        FL Senate Bill 482**

**Attachments:**    [FL Senate Bill 482](#)

Governmental Affairs Manager, Fernando Weiner, updated the Board on the status of Senate Bill 482. He stated that the House has also filed and that it falls within the city's legislative priorities to oppose the item. Staff will forward information to him regarding other public art programs throughout the state.

**C.        OLD BUSINESS****D.        CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES****D.-1.    [25-8543](#)        Cultural Grant Updates 2025**

**Attachments:**    [FY24-25 Summary v2 Categories](#)  
                          [FY2025-2026 Guidelines DRAFT](#)  
                          [FY2024-2025 Application](#)

Staff updated the Board on various cultural grantee activities and shared thank you letters received from grantees. They were also advised of the upcoming Cezanne talk at the Coral Gables Museum and were briefed on the Miami-Dade County's State of the Arts address.

**D.-2.    [25-8653](#)        Cultural Grant - Youth Arts Program (YAP) proposal**

**Attachments:**    [FY24-25 Summary with YAP](#)  
                          [CG YAP Proposal v1](#)

The Board was presented with proposed updates to the Cultural Grant Guidelines, including a proposal by Mr. Fliss to add a separate category for Youth Arts Programs (YAP), with a request for additional funding dedicated to the category. Board member discussed and agreed that it would be beneficial to separate youth-based arts programming, revise criteria related to the category, and allow for additional flexibility within the category. It was noted that moving in this direction would recognize the benefits of having quality arts programs while ensuring that educational programs are funded accordingly. After continued conversation, the following motions were made.

**Ms. Burgos made a motion to include an additional Cultural Grant category of Coral Gables Youth Arts Programs (CGYAP) as presented and agreed. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**Yeas:**    6 - Chairperson Pantin, Board Member Burgos, Vice Chairperson Valdes-Fauli, Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena and Board Member Rodriguez

**Excused:**    1 - Board Member Corral

**Attachments:** [FY24-25 Summary with YAP](#)  
[CG YAP Proposal v1](#)

Ms. Requena made a motion recommending ongoing funding of \$50,000 toward the CGYAP Cultural Grant category in addition to grant funding of \$228,228 for all other categories for Fiscal Year 2026. Ms. Burgos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Yeas:** 6 - Chairperson Pantin, Board Member Burgos, Vice Chairperson Valdes-Fauli, Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena and Board Member Rodriguez

**Excused:** 1 - Board Member Corral

**Attachments:** [FY24-25 Summary with YAP](#)  
[CG YAP Proposal v1](#)

Ms. Burgos made a motion appointing Mr. Fliss to speak on behalf of the Board for this item at the City Commission meeting. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Yeas:** 6 - Chairperson Pantin, Board Member Burgos, Vice Chairperson Valdes-Fauli, Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena and Board Member Rodriguez

**Excused:** 1 - Board Member Corral

## **E. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES**

[25-8544](#)

AiPP Active Project Lists

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

Ms. Cathers updated the Board on current projects.

## **F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

Board members were advised of the City Commission's approval of the following projects:

Jaume Plensa - 4241 Aurora sculpture donation

Xavier Cortada - Coral Gables Garden Club sculpture donation

Jean Ward - long term loan to The Underline

## **G. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## **H. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 18 at 9:15 a.m. at the Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami**

**The regular Board meeting will be followed by a tour of the University's public art collection.**

**NOTE**