

City of Coral Gables



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 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

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Mr. Fliss called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Present: 5 - Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena, Board Member Perez, Board Member Hassun and Board Member Gonzalez-Arias

Absent: 1 - Vice Chairperson Rodriguez

Excused: 1 - Chairperson Valdes-Fauli

ROLL CALL**A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A.-1. [26-1464](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of March 17, 2026.

A motion was made by Mr. Gonzalez-Arias and seconded by Mr. Hussan to approve the meeting minutes of March 17, 2026.

B. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

C. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

D. CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES

25-8543

Cultural Grant Updates 2025-2026 / 2026-2027

Attachments: [FY2026-2027 Guidelines DRAFT](#)
[Change Request Summary - April 2026](#)
[Area Stage Change Rqst](#)
[Circus Arts Change Rqst](#)
[Ruta Teatral Change Rqst](#)

Board members were provided with updates of cultural grant recipient programs.

Board members reviewed change requests and noted that one was significantly different than what was approved for funding and also included an ineligible program. After a brief discussion the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Mr. Hussan and seconded by Mr. Gonzalez-Arias to have Area Stage submit eligible programming and greater justification for their change request. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Cathers reviewed the upcoming Cultural Grant Review and Scoring process. She noted that there were many applicants and stated that three new applicants did not meet the criteria of submitting materials in time for the required consultation. Ms. Cathers asked for direction from the Board. The Board agreed that applicants should meet the requirements noted in the guidelines and through the grant process to be considered. Following discussion, a motion was made.

A motion was made by Ms. Perez and seconded by Ms. Requena to deny requests from applicants not meeting the stated requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

E. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES25-8544

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.

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**G. DISCUSSION ITEMS****H. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 14 at 8:00 a.m.

NOTE