

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

9:30 AM

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

Sister Cities Conference Room - Coral Gables Museum

Cultural Development Board

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>.

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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 9:37 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

5 - Chairperson Pantin, Board Member Burgos, Board Member Corral,
Board member Perez and Board member Rodriguez

Excused:

2 - Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[25-9179](#)

Cultural Development Board Meeting of May 29, 2025.

Attachments: [CDB Minutes May 29, 2025 Draft CC](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Corral to approve the meeting minutes of May 29, 2025 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

B. NEW BUSINESS

B.-1. [25-9256](#) CDB Board-as-a-Whole Appointee 2025

Attachments: [Armando AJ Hasssun](#)

Board members discussed applications and nominations for the Board-as-a-Whole position. Mr. Rodriguez nominated Mr. Corral, who did not accept the nomination. Members continued discussion and considered Mr. Armando Hassun. Chair Pantin stated that he met with Mr. Hassun and discussed the role and work of the Board. He shared that he was impressed and supported him as a nominee. Following further discussion, the Board voted in favor of recommending Mr. Hassun as the Board-as-a-Whole member for the 2025-2027 term.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Perez to appoint Armando Hassun as the Cultural Development Board-as-a-Whole member. The motion passed unanimously.

B.-2. [25-9261](#) Public Art Acquisition Proposal: Agustin Cardenas

Attachments: [Agustin Cardenas Proposal](#)

Board members were provided with a memo from Mayor Lago to the Commission regarding the possible acquisition of a sculpture by the artist Agustin Cardenas. They were advised that a motion was made and passed at the City Commission meeting to pursue the proposal. The Cultural Development Board discussed and agreed that it should go through the approval process and be sent to the Arts Advisory Panel. They further agreed that it should be appraised, following the practice established for existing artworks. With no further discussion, a motion was made to have the piece appraised and go to the Arts Advisory Panel for a recommendation.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Perez to have the Agustin Cardenas sculpture appraised and the proposal reviewed by the Arts Advisory Panel for a recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

B.-3. [25-9249](#) AiPP Signage

Attachments: [RFP for AiPP collection signage](#)

Staff made a presentation regarding signage options for the public art collection. Ms. Cathers reported that the previous design was presenting challenges regarding clarity and sustainability for future projects. The presentation featured a standard design similar to other bronze signage throughout the city. She recommended keeping elements simple and using a QR code to access detailed information. A design of the proposed sign was included: bronze with a gold border using standard sign elements for artwork including artist name, artwork title, year, material, donor or partner acknowledgement if applicable, citing the Coral Gables Art in Public Places program, a note to not climb the art, and QR code. It was mentioned that braille is recommended to reference the QR code. Board members agreed with the design recommendation and with no further discussion made a motion of approval.

A motion was made by Ms. Perez and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez to approve the public art signage design as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

C. OLD BUSINESS**D. CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES****E. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES****E.-1. Morel Doucet: Secrets that the Wind Carries Away / Update**

Mr. Doucet provided an update on the design of "Secrets that the Wind Carries Away." He presented a PowerPoint and discussed his involvement with the Lola B. Walker Homeowner's Association, which he recently presented to. The Board was pleased with the progress and agreed with the Arts Advisory Panel's comments to use an engraved process for the names on the side of the vessel. Members also liked the idea of the concrete being formed to emulate water.

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

Board members were advised of the items that will move forward to the City Commission, including approval of the newly appointed Board-as-a-Whole member, the Cultural Grants funding allocation for FY2025-2026, and the Art Week / Art Basel initiative titled "Intervals."

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board members enthusiastically thanked Mr. Corral and Ms. Burgos for their years of service!

H. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

Members were reminded to complete their Financial Disclosure Forms.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 15at 9:30 a.m.

NOTE