



Denver Commission on Cultural Affairs Monthly Meeting
October 6, 2026, 4:00 – 6:00pm
Virtual

4:00 Call to Order Nikki Swarn

4:05 Approval of September 1, 2026, Minutes Nikki Swarn

PUBLIC ART VOTING ITEMS

4:10 VOTE: Consent Agenda Items Jeannene Bragg
Proposed Motion: To recommend consent agenda selection panels for October 2026.

4:20 VOTE: Arts Complex Rudi Cerri
Proposed Motion: To recommend two proposals by the selected artists, Michael Szabo (San Francisco, CA) and Ben Butler (Memphis, TN)
Budget: ~\$470K

4:35 VOTE: Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre Megan Deffner
Proposed Motion: To recommend the proposal by the selected artist, Nick Athanasiou (Melbourne, Australia)
Budget: ~\$900K

DIVISION UPDATES

4:50 Public Art Policy Gretchen Hollrah

4:55 Cultural Affairs Updates Megan Gilby/Anna Ghublikian

AGENCY WIDE/DAV UPDATES

5:05 DAV Roadmap Gretchen Hollrah

5:10 McNichols Civic Center Building Gretchen Hollrah

5:15 Internal Position Updates Gretchen Hollrah

COMMISSION BUSINESS

5:20 Attendance Reminder Nikki Swarn

5:25 Election Reminder Rachel Garcia

5:30 Retreat Reminder – February 19, 2027 Rachel Garcia

5:30 Commissioner Shout Outs Rachel Garcia

5:40 Adjourn Rachel Garcia



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Next Meeting: November 10, 2026 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: Champa Arts Building, 1245 Champa St., Denver, CO 80204 – 1st Floor Community Room

DCCA GOALS

DCCA RESPONSIBILITIES	2025 - 2026 GOALS
Community Representation	Serve on grant selection panels
Representing EDI Values & All Residents	Share grant and commission opportunities
Annual Goal Setting	Set annual goals
1% for Public Art	Serve on 1% PA selection panels and vote on 1% related motions
Stewards of the City's Cultural Plan	Support implementation of DENVER CREATES, Denver's Cultural Plan

MINUTES ASSIGNMENTS

If you are unable to make your assigned date, please let Georgina know.

September 1, 2026	Matt Tebo
October 6, 2026 (Virtual)	Such Charles
November 10, 2026	Jada Suzanne Dixon
December 8, 2025 (Virtual)	Marisa Hollingsworth
January 12, 2027	Sarah Hogan
February 19, 2027 (Retreat)	Will Holden / tara jae
March 2, 2027	Elizabeth Macy
April 6, 2027 (Virtual)	Daisy Fodness-McGowan
May 4, 2027	Dan Manzanares
June 1, 2027	Joshua Margolin
July 13, 2027 (Virtual)	Tran Nguyen-Wills
August 3, 2027	David Olguin

Backups minute takers: Buba Basishvili Alicia Sweeney, Bruce Trujillo

Upcoming Events

All events can be found online on the [Events Calendar](#).

Ticket requests can be made for the following productions:

[Colorado Symphony](#)

[Opera Colorado](#)

[Colorado Ballet](#)

Denver Arts & Venues continues to be able to offer a limited selection of complementary tickets to our venues. Due to the success of sponsorships and an increase of requests from the Mayor's Office (who also fulfill community requests), we can continue to accept ticket requests for performances by the Colorado Symphony, Opera Colorado and Colorado Ballet, but no longer have capacity to fulfill ticket requests at our other venues. As always, ticket requests will be filled on a space available basis.