



City of Salinas

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Public Art Commission

Commission Members:

Juan Carlos Gonzales, Mayor's Appointee
Jose Julio Garcia, District 1 - Jesus Morales, District 2
Jesse Banda, District 3 - Carlos Cortez, District 4
Lee Abellana, District 5 - VACANT, District 6

Rene Mendez, City Manager
Kristan Lundquist, Library and Community Services Director
City Clerk's Office: (831) 758-7381

Monday, August 18, 2025

6:00 PM

Salinas Rotunda

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Commissioner Cortez called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Commissioner Juan Carlos Gonzales
Commissioner Jose Julio Garcia
Commissioner Carlos Cortez
Commissioner Jesus Morales

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Lee Abellana
Commissioner Jesse Banda

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME RESTRICTIONS

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

INTRODUCTIONS

Director Lundquist introduced Community Services Manager Monica Sardina and Commissioner Jesus Morales.

CONSENT

[ID#25-353](#)

Election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair

Upon motion by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, the motion to appoint Commissioner Morales as Commission Vice Chair was approved.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cortez seconded by Commissioner Morales, the motion to appoint Commissioner Cortez as Commission Chair was approved.

Both motions carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Commissioner Gonzales, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Cortez and Commissioner Morales

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Abellana and Commissioner Banda

[ID#24-307](#)

Minutes

Upon motion by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Cortez, the minutes of May 20, 2024 were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Commissioner Gonzales, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Cortez and Commissioner Morales

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Abellana and Commissioner Banda

PRESENTATION

[ID#25-356](#)

Downtown Mural Project

Salinas City Center Improvement Association District Coordinator Greg Hamer delivered a presentation on the installation of a new mural. Commissioners expressed appreciation for the organization's ongoing commitment to artistic beautification of the downtown area and raised concerns regarding a lack of outreach to Salinas-local artists and persistent use of imagery that portrays Latinos and Indigenous peoples as agriculture workers.

Receive the presentation

CONSIDERATIONS

[ID#25-357](#)

Establish a Public Art Annual Plan Sub-Committee for Fiscal Year 2026-27

Upon motion by Commissioner Gonzales, second by Commissioner Garcia, the motion to establish a subcommittee constituted of Commissioners Cortez, Gonzales, and Morales to develop the Public Art Plan for Fiscal Year 2026-27 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Commissioner Gonzales, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Cortez and Commissioner Morales

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Abellana and Commissioner Banda

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioners requested and received clarification regarding the Public Art Fund budget and discussed ongoing issues with meeting cancellations due to lack of quorum.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Lundquist introduced Monica Sardina to report on grant process and awardees for the 2024/25 year Public Art Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cortez adjourned the meeting at 6:57 P.M.

Devon McCauley, Administrative Secretary

AGENDA MATERIAL / ADDENDUM

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION