



City of Salinas

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Meeting Minutes - Unofficial

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, February 23, 2026

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: 5 - Commissioner Juan Carlos Gonzales
Commissioner Jose Julio Garcia
Commissioner Carlos Cortez
Commissioner Jesse Banda
Commissioner Jesus Morales
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Lee Abellana

CONSENT[ID#26-057](#)**Minutes**

Upon motion by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Banda, the minutes of November 17, 2025 were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Commissioner Gonzales, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Cortez, Commissioner Banda and Commissioner Morales

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Abellana

CONSIDERATIONS[ID#26-061](#)**Annual Public Art Plan Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Banda, the motion to receive the annual public art plan and recommend the Salinas City Council adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Public Art Plan including the appropriation of \$266,000 from the Municipal Art Fund was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Commissioner Gonzales, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Cortez, Commissioner Banda and Commissioner Morales

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Abellana

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS[ID#26-060](#)**Public Review Draft Visión Salinas 2040 General Plan**

Senior Planner Oscar Resendiz delivered a presentation on the Public Review Draft Visión Salinas 2040 General Plan. Report on file for the records.

Receive a presentation on the Public Review Draft Visión Salinas 2040 General Plan. No action is required.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Gonzalez encouraged the public to participate in the upcoming Asian Culture Experience event at the end of April 2026 in Salinas Chinatown, date to be announced. Commissioner Cortez reported on the shutdown of a local music venue Heirloom Pizza. He encourages local investors to invest in the market of entertainment and art to provide a new space for local music artists, promoters and community events. Commissioner Morales recommended the public to support Radio Bilingue radio station.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Lundquist expressed gratitude for Community Service Manager Monica Sardina for facilitating the Public Art Event grant process and mentioned that Monica will help implement the FY 2026 Public Art Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cortez adjourned the meeting at 7:04 P.M.

Leslie Hernandez, Administrative Secretary

AGENDA MATERIAL / ADDENDUM

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION