



## Agenda

Oklahoma Arts Council Meeting  
Tuesday, July 15, 2025  
9:45 a.m.

Oklahoma Judicial Center | The Great Room  
2100 North Lincoln Boulevard  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum  
Barbara Braught, Vice-Chair, Oklahoma Arts Council
2. Welcome and Introductions of Incoming Council Members  
Barbara Braught
3. Discussion and Possible Action on Election of FY2026 Slate of Officers  
Lucy Fusselman, Nominating Committee Chair **Action**
4. Discussion and Possible Action on Election of FY2026 Executive Committee  
Lucy Fusselman, Nominating Committee Chair **Action**
5. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the March 4, 2025, Meeting Minutes  
Barbara Braught **Action**
6. Discussion Regarding the Officers Report  
Barbara Braught
7. Executive Director Report and Discussion  
Amber Sharples, Executive Director
8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Approval of FY2026 Budget  
April Kowardy, Finance Director **Action**
9. Presentation and Discussion of Oklahoma Arts Council Geographical and Statistical  
Grant-making Analysis (2008-2024)  
Ryan Stubbs, Chief Program and Strategy Officer,  
National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA)
10. Oklahoma Arts Sector ARPA Grant Update and Discussion  
Thomas Tran, Grants Director
11. FY2026 Major Grant Support (MGS) Review Process and Discussion  
Thomas Tran

Break into MGS Review Panels and Lunch

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| 12. | Discussion and Possible Action Regarding FY2026 Organizational Support Grants<br>Thomas Tran  | Action |
| 13. | Discussion and Possible Action Regarding<br>FY2026 Arts in Alternative Education Community Partnership Grants<br>Jennifer Allen-Barron, Arts Education Director   | Action |
| 14. | Discussion and Possible Action Regarding<br>FY2026 Creative Aging Community Partnership Grants<br>Erika Wilhite, Arts Learning in Communities Director  | Action |
| 15. | Discussion and Possible Action Regarding FY2026 Major Grant Support (MGS)<br>Barbara Braught  | Action |
|     | a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Compliance review on<br>FY2026 MGS grant application Living Arts of Tulsa: Day of the Dead Festival<br>(Grant A2-2502-13577)                                      | Action |
|     | b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Compliance review on<br>FY2026 MGS grant application Oklahoma City Repertory Theater:<br>2025-2026 Season (Grant A2-2502-13523)                                   | Action |
|     | c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Compliance review on<br>FY2026 MGS grant application Theatre North: The Colored Museum<br>(Grant A2-2502-13579)   | Action |
|     | d. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Compliance review on<br>FY2026 MGS grant application Theatre North: Nat Turner in Jerusalem<br>(Grant A2-2502-13543)  | Action |
|     | e. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Compliance review on<br>FY2026 MGS grant application Theatre North: Othello (Grant A2-2502-13533)   | Action |
|     | f. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Compliance review on<br>FY2026 MGS grant application University of Oklahoma: Between Streams<br>(Grant A2-2502-13574)   | Action |
| 16. | Discussion and Possible Action Regarding FY2026 Major Grant Support (MGS)<br>Council Panel Reports<br>Council Panel Chairs, Council Panel Recommendations<br>Final Funding Decisions approved by full Council | Action |
| 17. | Update and Discussion on Supporting Nonprofit Organization<br>Friends of the Oklahoma Arts Council<br>Amber Sharples  |        |
| 18. | Financial Update and Discussion on Friends of the Oklahoma Arts Council   |        |

April Kowardy

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| 19. | Discussion and Possible Action on the Slate of the<br>Board of Directors for Friends of the Oklahoma Arts Council<br>Amber Sharples | Action |
| 20. | Adjourn   | Action |

Note: The Council may discuss, table, defer, or vote to approve or disapprove or take appropriate action with respect to any agenda item. The sequence of the agenda may be changed at the Council's discretion.