

## Members

Benjamin Maestas III, Chair  
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Michael Kula  
Wade Neal  
Elizabeth Pew  
Jeanette Sanchez  
Jamika Scott  
MaryMikel Stump  
Alejandra Villeda  
Angela Weaver  
Joe Williams

## Staff

Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator  
Chevi Chung, Community Programs Specialist  
Rebecca Solverson, Public Art Specialist  
Naomi Strom-Avila, Funding & Cultural Programs Manager

# Summary Minutes

## Tacoma Arts Commission

Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality

Tacoma Venues and Events Department



### Special Meeting

**Date: March 26, 2022**

**Time: 10:00 am**

**Location: Virtual**

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### *Commission Members in Attendance:*

Benjamin Maestas III, Chair  
Olivia Samuel, Vice Chair  
Jasmine Brown  
Heather Conklin  
Michael Kula  
Elizabeth Pew  
Jeanette Sanchez  
Jamika Scott  
Angela Weaver  
Joe Williams

### *City Staff Present:*

Amy McBride  
Chevi Chung  
Naomi Strom-Avila  
Rebecca Solverson

### *Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Wade Neal  
MaryMikel Stump

### *Commission Members Unexcused Absence:*

Heide Fernandez-Llamazares  
Alejandra Villeda

## 1. Call to Order

10:08

Chair Maestas called the meeting to order. Chair Maestas recognized that the meeting was held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.

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"We gratefully acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People where they make their home and speak the Lushootseed language."

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| <b>2. Consent Agenda</b>  | <b>10:08</b> |
| <p>Commissioners Neal and Stump had an excused absence.</p> <p>Vice Chair Maestas asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda.</p> <p>Motion: Commissioner Pew<br/>Second: Commissioner Scott<br/>Motion: Carried</p>        |              |
| <b>3. Public Comment on Agenda Items</b>  | <b>10:09</b> |
| <p>There were no public comments on agenda items.</p>   |              |
| <b>4. Introduction</b>  | <b>10:10</b> |
| <p>Chair Maestas and Vice Chair Samuel welcomed everyone and shared that the purpose of the retreat was to team build and to develop a stronger understanding of the Commission’s work.</p>                                       |              |
| <b>5. Icebreaker Discussion</b>   | <b>10:10</b> |
| <p>Each Commissioner and staff took turns sharing an item they would contribute to a pretend welcome packet for people who are new to Tacoma.</p>   |              |
| <b>6. Small Group Teambuilding Discussions</b>  | <b>10:29</b> |
| <p>Commissioners and staff broke in to groups to learn more about each other, discover things they have in common and ways in which they are unique, talk about what brings them joy, and share their arts vision for Tacoma.</p> |              |
| <b>7. Discussion Share Out and Closing</b>  | <b>11:52</b> |
| <p>Commissioners shared out some of their arts visions and aspirations for Tacoma.</p>  |              |
| <b>8. Adjourn</b>   | <b>12:02</b> |
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## MEETING FREQUENCY

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