

Agenda

Oklahoma Arts Council Meeting

Thursday, June 18, 2026

9:00 a.m.

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

1. Jim Thorpe Office Building Tour
Matt McConnell, Project Director, QUAD Construction
2. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum **Action**
John Kennedy, Vice-Chair
3. Welcome and Introductions of Incoming Council Members
John Kennedy
4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Appointment of an Interim Executive Committee Member **Action**
John Kennedy
5. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding March 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes **Action**
John Kennedy
6. Officer's Report and Discussion
John Kennedy
7. Executive Director Report and Discussion
Amber Sharples, Executive Director
8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding FY2027 Budget **Action**
April Kowardy, Finance Director
9. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding FY2028 Budget Request **Action**
John Kennedy
10. Oklahoma Arts Sector ARPA Grant Update and Discussion
Thomas Tran, Grants Director
11. FY2027 Major Grant Support Review Process and Discussion
Thomas Tran
12. Break into Major Grant Support Review Panels
13. Lunch

14. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding
America 250/Route 66 MuralFest Anchor Murals
Jarica Walsh, Director of Visual and Public Art **Action**

15. Creative Aging Marketing and New Agency Website Update and Discussion
Joel Gavin, Director of Marketing and Communications
Scott Cowan, Web and Publications Director

16. Review and Possible Action on
Teaching Artist Roster Candidates **Action**
Jennifer Allen-Barron, Arts Education Director

17. Review and Possible Action on
FY2027 Poetry Out Loud Partnership Grant **Action**
Jennifer Allen-Barron

18. Review and Possible Action on
FY2027 Arts in Alternative Education Community Partnership Grants **Action**
Jennifer Allen-Barron

19. Review and Possible Action on
FY2027 Creative Aging Partnership Grants **Action**
Erika Wilhite, Arts Learning in Communities Director

20. Review and Possible Action on
FY2027 Organizational Support Grants **Action**
Thomas Tran

21. Review and Possible Action on
FY2027 Major Grant Support Committee Reports **Action**
Committee Co-Chairs, Committee Recommendations
Final Funding Decisions

22. Outgoing Council Member Recognition
John Kennedy

23. Staff Service Milestones
Amber Sharples

24. New Business: Any matter not known about or which could not
have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting the
agenda (25 O.S. Section 311.9)

25. Adjourn **Action**

Notes:

Tour of the Jim Thorpe Office Building will be provided. Tours are for informational purposes only and no discussion or decisions regarding agency business will be made by the Council members or staff.

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.