

## Members

Michael Kula, Chair  
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Alejandra Villeda  
Joe Williams  
Ton Williams  
Heidi Wygle  
John Hines, City Council Liaison  
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## Staff

Amy McBride, Division Manager  
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  
Community & Economic Development Dept.



### Special Meeting

**Date: March 25, 2023**

**Time: 12:00 pm**

**Location: Virtual and UW Tacoma, Cherry Parkes,  
Room 325**

### *Commission Members in Attendance:*

Michael Kula, *Chair*  
Jeanette Sanchez, *Vice Chair*  
Heide Fernandez-Llamazares  
Sarah Jane Hoppe  
Wade Neal  
Derek Nunn  
Jamika Scott  
Kenya Shakoor  
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Alejandra Villeda  
Heidi Wygle

### *City Staff Present:*

Amy McBride  
Chevi Chung  
Naomi Strom-Avila  
Rebecca Solverson

### *Commission Members Excused Absence:*

Joe Williams  
Jasmine Brown

### *Commission Members Unexcused Absence:*

Marissa Kall  
Ton Williams

## 1. Call to Order

12:16

Chair Kula called the meeting to order. Chair Kula 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>12:16</b> |
| <p>Commissioners Williams and Brown had an excused absence.</p> <p>Vice Chair Sanchez asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda.</p> <p>Motion: Commissioner Wygle<br/>Second: Commissioner Villeda<br/>Motion: Carried</p> |              |
| <b>3. Public Comment on Agenda Items</b>   | <b>12:17</b> |
| <p>There were no public comments on agenda items.</p>  |              |
| <b>4. Introduction</b>   | <b>12:18</b> |
| <p>Chair Kula and Vice Chair Sanchez welcomed everyone and shared that the purpose of the retreat was to team build. They also shared the Commission’s values-based behaviors for how to interact with each other.</p>             |              |
| <b>5. Icebreaker Discussion</b>  | <b>12:20</b> |
| <p>Each Commissioner and staff took turns playing a game where they guessed famous Tacoma locations based on verbal clues.</p>   |              |
| <b>6. Small Group Teambuilding Discussions</b>   | <b>12:39</b> |
| <p>Commissioners and staff broke into two rounds of small groups to learn more about each other using Tacoma and arts-themed prompts, and by creating a short story that helped vision what our community could look like.</p>     |              |
| <b>7. Discussion Share Out and Closing</b>   | <b>01:52</b> |
| <p>Commissioners shared out some of their arts visions and aspirations for Tacoma.</p>   |              |
| <b>8. Adjourn</b>  | <b>02:04</b> |
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