

**MINUTES OF THE ARTS & HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY
BOARD
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 8, 2025**

4/8/2025 - Arts & Historical Preservation Advisory Board Minutes

1. Call meeting to order and establish a quorum

Meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Chair Branum, Vice Chair Corlie, BM Kathleen Everling, BM John Winder, BM Jennifer De Ranieri, BM Surinder Aulakh, and Ex-Officio Council Member Alex Porretto
Staff: Assistant City Secretary Nellie De La Fuente, Administrative Assistant Martha Alvarez, Assistant City Attorney Mehran Jadidi, and Cultural Arts Coordinator Antoinette Lynch and Ex-Officio Council Member Alex Porretto.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

3.a Meeting Minutes March 11, 2025

Motion was made by BM Everling to approve the minutes from March 11, 2025 . Second by BM Surinder. Motion passed.

4. Public Comment

Theresa Potter spoke on her Galveston Arts Center Application that she submitted late and asked the Board to take it into consideration for acceptance.

5. Introduction of the new board members: Jennifer De Ranieri and John Winder

Chair Branum introduced the new Board Members, Jennifer De Ranieri and John Winder to the Board.

6. Discussion and review of AHP purpose (for new board members), regulations and rules; State and City

Chair Branum went over the regulations and rules pertaining to the Arts & Historical Preservation Board.

7. Discussion of HOT allocation to AHP; reserve and overage with recommendations on usage

Ex- Officio Council Member Alex Porretto asked to place this item for discussion on the July 15, 2025 meeting.

8. Provide list of Applicants and determination of conflicts of interest

BM Jennifer De Ranieri has a conflict of interest with the 1894 Inc. (Opera House) and BM Corlie had a conflict of interest with the Nia Cultural Center.

9. Distribution of applications and rubric to Board with discussion of proces

Chair Branum distributed the applications to the following Board members:

Board Member Surinder:: 1894 Inc.; Bryan Educational Institute; Center for 20th Century Texas Studies; Galveston Island Film Society; Galveston Symphony Orchestra; Nia Cultural Center Reedy Chapel AME Church

Board Member Corlie: Cavalla Historical Foundation; East End Historical District Association; Galveston Children's Museum; Island ETC; The Artist Boat; The Friends of Moody Gardens

Board Member John Winder: Center for Transportation and Commerce; Galveston Artist Residency; Galveston Ballet; Galveston County History; Galveston Historical Foundation

Board Member Kathleen Everling: Galveston Art League; Galveston LULAC Council; Galveston's Own Farmers Market; Moody Gardens, Inc.; Old Central Cultural Center

Board Member Jennifer De Ranieri: Galveston Arts Center; Galveston Island Nature Island Tourism Council; International Oleander Society; League Kempner House; Turtle Island Restoration Network

10. Future Meeting Dates

May 13, 2025 in Council Chambers, June 10, 2025, in Room 204, July 15, 2025 in Room 204, and August 19, 2025 in Council Chambers.

11. Future Agenda Items

Discuss and consider action for the Arts Center.

BM Everling bring back a rough draft of the Manual.

Discuss the website cut off for the application process.

12. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Manuela "Nellie" De La Fuente

Date Approved: