

RSVP'd

Gina 1
 Lila 2
 Matt - IN 3
 Michael 4
 Mary 5
 Susan 6
 Pat - WX (late) 7
 Jennifer WX 8
 D. Byjanowski
 Kathryn - WX 9
 Davida 10
 Carolyn 11

Staff

MAD - WX
 Bree - WX

DED

- Bree (WX)
 - MAD (WX)

Attendances (9)
(10)

- Mike
 - Matt
 - Susan
 - Kathryn (WX)
 - Carolyn
 - Lila (WX)
 - Jennifer (WX)
 - Gina (WX)
 - Davida
 - Pat (WX)



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
 COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ERIE ARTS & CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD
 MEETING AGENDA

Friday, July 25, 2025 - 1:00 PM

BACKUP: Rath Building 10th floor Conference Room
 95 Franklin Street, Buffalo NY 14202

- A. Welcome (1:02) 738.58
 B. 2026 Funding Review - 38,421,329
 a. Scores and Recommendations
 i. Vote
 ii. Trends in sector - Positive and/or Concerning
 C. Comments on 2026 process and/or documents
 a. Application
 b. Review Sheet
 D. Board
 a. Terms ending in December
 b. Applicant feedback
 E. Next Meetings
 a. 2026 Awards/Results Review - January 2026

Boost

Karen Society
 Comm. Music School
 Peace of the City
 Net Positive

x reviewed traditional vs. new methodology
 > Change in Methodology

• add barriers to increase over previous award
 "can't exceed 20% (or other #) of last year's award"

• will still likely result in large orgs requesting more and small orgs getting/requesting less funding

↳ defer methodology shift to next year

VOTE

① Methodology

> maintain existing methodology

8-0

> use new methodology (0)

> New meeting (Full Social or formal)

conclude > 2:32

Vote

- ② 2026 Draft Cultural Recommendations Adoption
8 yes

B Trends in Sector - (positive or concerning)

> Ongoing audits

- Adding question re: if orgs are subject to audit (Co. controller)
- Add to Review Sheet Review meeting

* Review date > Early June

C. Comments on 2026 Process

* "Buddy system" w/ new and experienced members

- Challenging > sitting down and reviewing w/ experienced members as a training opportunity.
 - > Technical difficulties using various devices
- Compare data on scores from prior year vs. current
- (Articles of Incorporation) - included in application rather than just to determine eligibility upon account set up.
- Potentially review questions that don't "move the needle" to help pore down the review / application

→ tax questions

D. Board

. Terms ending in Dec.

- > Glenn Spencer > 2 terms, 6 total
- > Gina Burchard
- > Pat Johnson > 1 term
- > Russel

. Applicant feedback

> MAO to reach out to DEP leadership for letters

- Carolyn suggested generalized comments, common themes