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BostonARTCommission

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, September 9, 2026

TIME: 4:30 - 6:30 PM

PLACE: **This meeting will be held virtually** only and NOT in person. You can participate in the meeting by going to https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_BQxqm9vITdutyqG7v7zGA, register, receive the email confirmation and log on to the meeting using that and your computer's audio and microphone.

Public comment on Presentations for Review, Public Testimony, and Commission Vote may be provided ahead of the hearing by submitting written testimony [here](#) by 12 PM (noon) on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. You will also have the opportunity to submit comments during the meeting via the Zoom platform or by phone. If you require closed captioning you can make a request to bac@boston.gov

ABOUT THE BOSTON ART COMMISSION

Working together with the Public Art Team in Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture, the Boston Art Commission (BAC) is an independent board composed of two ex-officio and seven appointed volunteer art and design professionals that holds public meetings to review, discuss, and vote on matters concerning the City's art collection. The BAC has exclusive authority to approve and commission artworks intended to be added to the City's collection or be placed on City property. The Curatorial Vision for the City of Boston is to foster the creation and collection of artworks that reflect the people, ideas, histories, and futures of Boston, the traditional homeland of the Massachusetts people and the home of the neighboring Wampanoag and Nipmuc peoples. We aim to commission and approve artworks that engage communities and directly respond to, enrich, and enliven the urban environment. We seek public art that is driven by an artistically strong vision, enhances the diversity and equity of the existing collection, and possess durability appropriate to the lifespan of the work. For more information, see Boston.gov/public-art.

I. OPENING

- A. Welcome
- B. Call to Order and Review of Minutes

Birgit Wurster
John Address

II. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Presentations for review
- B. Commissions, City of Boston
- C. Existing Collections, City of Boston

Birgit Wurster

III. **PUBLIC ART PRESENTATIONS ON CITY OF BOSTON PROPERTY
REVIEW, PUBLIC TESTIMONY, AND VOTE**

- A. Instructions for public comment
- B. Commissions for Presentation

John Andress

- 1. *Hope Gives Life*; Long-term mural, as part of *A Canvas of Culture*; Accessioning; Mattahunt Elementary School, 100 Hebron St, Mattapan; Artist: Abel Jackson; Proponent: City of Boston, Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture

Amanda Hawkins, City of Boston, Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture

- 2. Administrative Review Policy Pilot Program; Proponent: Birgit Wurster, City of Boston, Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture

Birgit Wurster, City of Boston, Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture

IV. **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PUBLIC ART PROPOSALS ON CITY OF BOSTON PROPERTY FOR REVIEW, PUBLIC TESTIMONY, AND VOTE**

- 1. *Peace Poles*; Temporary installation; Final design; 30 Westville St, Dorchester, Titus Sparrow Park, 91 W Rutland St, South End, Dorchester Court House 510 Washington St, Dorchester; Artists: Ruth Henry, Luis Antonio Thompson, Ramona Jones, Carla Sheffield; Proponent: Ruth Henry, Louis D Brown Peace Institute

Amber Torres, City of Boston, Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture

The next monthly meeting of the BAC will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 4:30 PM

All agenda items listed may be voted on or tabled by the BAC

**Applications and presentations listed will be pulled from the agenda if the proponents are not able to submit all needed materials two weeks in advance of the scheduled BAC meeting. All applications are to be reviewed for approval, pending property owner permissions.*

EMAIL BAC@BOSTON.GOV FOR ANY QUESTIONS