



MINUTES
CULTURAL COMMISSION - REGULAR SESSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025, 7:30 AM

The Cultural Commission convened in regular session at 7:30 AM, August 14, 2025. Chair Faisal Rashid called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Katherine Browne	Commissioner	Present
Shweta Shukla	Commissioner	Present
Dallas Long	Commissioner	Present
Peter Pontius	Commissioner	Present
Faisal Rashid	Commission Chair	Present
Angelique Racki	Commissioner	Present
Amber Collins	Commissioner	Absent
Crystal Bricker	Commissioner	Absent

Arts and Entertainment Staff: Anthony Nelson, Director; Kathy Sawyer, development Manager

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed and voted on separately.

Item 4.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the July 10, 2025, Regular Cultural Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Pontius made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Browne, to approve the item as presented

Chair Rashid directed the clerk to call roll:

AYES: Rashid; Racki; Shukla; Long; Pontius;

Browne **Motion carried.**

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. Discussion on 2025 Bloomington Center for Performing Arts upcoming shows and updates.

Bachman-Turner Overdrive had over 1,000 tickets disbursed. Other recent shows were Oz Mountain Daredevils & Pure Prairie League, and Gabby Barrett. Robert Cray Band

performing this Saturday. Shows have now been announced for 2025, in a couple of weeks there will be an announcement each week.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Discussion on 2025 Grossinger Motors Arena upcoming shows and updates.

Ice goes on the week after Labor Day. Ribbon boards are in, and finetuning is happening now. Hockey and IHSA definitely have plans to use the ribbon boards. Sept. 15 local teams can get on the ice. Oct. 18 is the Bison home opener.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.C. Discussion on 2025 Cultural Commission post Arts and Health Day event.

We'll send out the 2025 Arts & Health Day Report. For next year, Mr. Freeman at Washington School and the Girl Scouts want to be more involved. Also Connect Transit bus passes were helpful. Look for more grants for the event. For 2026 Arts & Health Day Timeline – 2026 Date is July 26: October Kickoff; January Planning; March Marketing with finalized schedule and vendors. Other 2026 plans: Get a grant for a mural. Peoria has a mural festival—Faisal and Angelique will follow up. Faisal will re-send the article he found about seasonal Arts and Culture events a community can create. The mayor may also make progress on new Commissioner applications.

New Business

Worldwide Day of Play is September 27 from 10am-1pm. The Cultural Fest is August 23-24 11am-5pm. Commissioner Browne is performing at the Farmers' Market August 30.

Adjournment

Commissioner Browne made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Long, to adjourn the meeting.

Chair Rashid directed the clerk to call roll:

AYES: Rashid; Racki; Shukla; Long; Pontius;

Browne **Motion carried.**

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:06 A.M

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON



Faisal Rashid, Chair



Anthony Nelson, Staff Liaison