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**ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (APP) TRUST  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, November 12, 2025, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM**  
**Meeting Location: Stephen P. Clark Government Center**  
**111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Situation Room (Front Conference Room)**

**ATTENDEES:**

Dr. Carol Damina, APP Trust Chair  
Maggie Hernandez, APP Trust Vice Chair  
Mercedes Lopez Cisneros, Executive APP Trust Committee at Large

**STAFF**

Ahslee K. Thomas, Interim Director, Department of Cultural Affairs (CUA)  
Patricia Romeu, Chief, Art in Public Places (APP)  
Shahani Fakhourie, APP Apprentice  
Liliana Hernandez-Constenla, CUA  
Amanda Sanfilippo Long, APP

**Items for Discussion**

**Acknowledgement of APP Trust Bylaws and Membership Qualification**

Ashlee K. Thomas, Interim Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs noted that to address the Trust Executive Committee's request to standardize the credentials and eligibility of Trust Members, a self-eligibility review form would be distributed to all Trust Members for completion over the next Trust meeting dates. Subsequently a document drafted by APP staff was presented, which excerpted the APP ByLaws, stating:

*The Art in Public Places Trust shall be composed of 15 members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to a term which shall end concurrently with the last day of the term of the County Commissioner who appointed the board member. Two members of the Board of County Commissioners, appointed by the Mayor, shall sit as ex officio members. Each member must be knowledgeable in public art, must be a resident of Miami-Dade County and may not operate, own, or be employed by any art dealer, art gallery, artist's representative, museum or other entity which derives income from the sale or display of artwork.*



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The Miami-Dade Art in Public Places Ordinance empowered the Art in Public Places Trust with the task of administering the Art in Public Places program, established qualification for Trust membership, its term of office and duties. The Ordinance further set forth certain powers for the Trust, provided for its funding and other various matters pertaining to its operations.... These Bylaws are adopted pursuant to the authorization contained in the Ordinance Section 2, paragraph (a) which empowers the Trust to "act in the public interest upon all matters relating to the (Art in Public Places) program.".

It was resolved that this document would be distributed at the Trust meeting immediately following the Executive Committee meeting on November 12, 2025 for Trust Members review. The Trust Executive Committee unanimously approved this action.

#### **Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) Candidates Review and Nomination**

Amanda Sanfilippo Long APP Curator Artist Manager reported that pursuant to the Art in Public Places Ordinance, an eleven-member roster of members of the Professional Advisory Committee must be appointed by the Art in Public Place Trust.

Given that various PAC candidates have expiring service terms and others have expressed a need for replacement, APP staff shared a call for nominations with current PAC, APP Trust members, and APP Staff. It was noted that the team would like to appoint an individual with expertise in architecture for replacement of Raymond Fort, Senior Designer at Arquitectonica, who due to other commitments is no longer able to serve the PAC.

After careful review, the Trust Executive Committee unanimously recommended appointing Claudia Busch to the Art in Public Places Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) and amending the current roster of this 11- member committee as follows (Motion Carol Damina, Second Mercedes Lopez Cisneros):

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Claudia Busch        | 7. Gean Moreno    |
| 2. Dejha Carrington     | 8. Chana Sheldon  |
| 3. Maggy Cuesta         | 9. Dainy Tapia    |
| 4. Melissa Hunter Davis | 10. Wanda Texon   |
| 5. Leslie Goldberg      | 11. Marie Vickles |
| 6. Jennifer Inacio      |                   |



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### **Elections, Trust Executive Committee**

Also noted was Zammy Migdal, APP Executive Trust Treasurer's announcement that he may not be able to continue his service due to increased travel commitments outside of Miami, and that he welcomed the election and appointment of a new treasurer for his position in the Executive Trust Committee.

It was resolved that this discussion item would be presented at the December 2025 meeting of the Trust and to invite individual members to nominate or self-nominate for the position, and that an election would take place by paper ballot at the subsequent Trust meeting.

### **Moratorium on Collection Artists**

APP Program Chief Patricia Romeu noted that to expand participatory opportunities for new artists to the program, a moratorium could be applied to artists with works already in the County's public art collection. Criteria for the moratorium will be drafted by APP staff for discussion at a future Executive Trust Committee and final adoption by the Trust.

### **Trust Members Attendance**

Amanda Sanfilippo Long APP Curator Artist Manager noted that pursuant to the Art in Public Places Procedures Manual, Trust members must attend in person at least half the meetings a year, and have no more than three consecutive unexcused absences. Ms. Sanfilippo long distributed the last two years of attendance for review by the Executive Trust Committee Members. It was noted that Trust Member attendance would be taken into consideration in regards to the candidacy of new Trust Members for current appointments, At Large appointments, and recommendations for APP Trust appointments for County Commissioners.

Current Vacancies are as follows:

1. Kionne McGhee, District 9
2. At Large #1
3. At Large #2

With no further business, the Art in Public Places Trust Executive Committee ended their meeting at 12:15PM.



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Respectfully Submitted,  
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