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MINUTES OF THE
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (APP) TRUST

Tuesday, April 14th, 2026
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Location
Art in Public Places Offices, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami 33128
Zoom online meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maggie Hernandez, Vice Chair
Sandy Dorsainvil
David Fernandez
Mercedes Lopez Cisneros
Bernadette Pierre
David Sexton

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Carol Damian, Chair
Julio Grabiel
Asael "Ace" Marrero
Zammy Migdal
Kathryn Mikesell
Trixie Belo-Osagie

STAFF

Ashlee K. Thomas, Interim Director
Patricia Romeu, Program Chief
Stefania Barigelli
Eddy Calero
Bianca Gonzalez LoCicero
Liliana Hernandez
Yusimy Lara
Ana Meza
Alex Peraza
Pablo Rincon
Amanda Sanfilippo Long
Veronica Vera

Maggie Hernandez, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:40 PM.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Requests for Excused Absences for April 14, 2026 Trust Meeting
Requests for excused absences were submitted by Dr. Carol Damian, Chair, Julio Grabiel, Zammy Migdal, Asael "Ace" Marrero, Kathryn Mikesell, Trixie Belo-Osagie (Motion by David Sexton, seconded by David Fernandez).

Approval of March 10, 2026, APP Trust Meeting Minutes
The minutes of March 10, 2026, APP Trust meeting minutes were approved unanimously (Motion by David Sexton, seconded by David Fernandez).

Approval of March 26, 2026, Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Minutes
(Jose Marti Villas Artists Presentations, Rainbow Village, MDC Housing and Community Development Main Office, and Miami LIVE!, - Additional Artists to Shortlist)

The minutes of March 26, 2026, PAC Meeting were approved unanimously (Motion by David Sexton, seconded by David Fernandez).

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-15, *Nereida Garcia Ferraz, Jose Marti Villas PSA*

Trust Resolution APPT No. 26-15 authorizes a Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Nereida Garcia Ferraz in the fixed fee amount of $130,000.00 for Phase I-Design and Phase II- Fabrication and Installation Services of the artwork project for the Jose Marti Gardens (Brisas del Sol I) public housing development.

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-15 was approved unanimously (Motion by David Sexton, seconded by David Fernandez).

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-16, *Francesco Lo Castro, Jose Marti Villas PSA*

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-16 authorizes a Professional Artist Services agreement in substantially the form attached with Francisco Lo Castro in the fixed amount of $75,000.00 for Phase I-Design and Phase II- Fabrication and Installation Services of the artwork project for the Jose Marti Gardens (Brisas del Sol II) public housing development.

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-16 was approved unanimously (Motion by David Sexton, seconded by David Fernandez).

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-17, *Maritza Caneca, Jose Marti Villas PSA*

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-17 authorizes a Professional Artist Services agreement in substantially the form attached with Maritza Caneca in the fixed amount of $40,000.00 for Phase I-Design and Phase II- Fabrication and Installation Services of the artwork project for the Jose Marti Midrise (Brisas del Sol I) public housing development.

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-17 was approved unanimously (Motion by David Sexton, seconded by David Fernandez).

Trust Resolution No. APPT 28-18, *Jacoub Reyes, Jose Marti Villas, PSA*

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-18 authorizes Professional Artist Services agreement in substantially the form attached with Jacoub Reyes in the fixed amount of $40,000.00 for Phase I-Design and Phase II- Fabrication and Installation Services of the artwork project for the Jose Marti Midrise (Brisas del Sol I) public housing development

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-18 was approved unanimously (Motion by David Sexton, seconded by David Fernandez).

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-19, *Marlon Portales, Jose Marti Villas, PSA*

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-19 authorizes a Professional Artist Services agreement in substantially the form attached with Marlon Portales in the fixed amount of $50,000.00 for Phase I-Design and Phase II- Fabrication and Installation Services of the artwork project for the Jose Marti Midrise (Brisas del Sol I) public housing development.

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-19 was approved unanimously (Motion by David Sexton, seconded by David Fernandez).

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-20, *Rainbow Village Updated Shortlist, Proposal Contracts*

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-20 authorizes a Proposal Contracts in substantially the form attached with the above nine (9) artists in the fixed fee amount of $1000.00 each for proposal development services for the new Rainbow Village Phase I and II housing development project.

Miami-based Shortlist

	Recommended Artist	Proposal Fee
1	Liene Bosque	$ 1,000.00
2	Brian Lacey	$ 1,000.00
3	Katlin Spain	$ 1,000.00
4	Luke Jenkins	$ 1,000.00
5	Reginald O'Neal	$ 1,000.00
6	Edison Penafiel	$ 1,000.00
7	Yomarie Silva-O'Neal	$ 1,000.00
8	Amanda Bradley	$ 1,000.00
9	Marvin Weeks	$1,000.00
	Combined Total Expenditure:	**$ 9,000.00**

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-20 was approved unanimously (Motion by David Sexton, seconded by David Fernandez).

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-21: *Marlins LIVE!, Updated Shortlist, Proposal Contracts*

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-21 authorizes a Professional Artist Services agreements in substantially the form attached with Alexader Arrechea and Troy Simmons each in the amount of $1,000.00 for proposal development services for the Miami Live! For the Marlins – LoanDepot Ballpark development project.

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-21 was approved unanimously (Motion by David Sexton, seconded by David Fernandez).

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-22: *Main Offices- MDC Housing and Community Development, Invitational Shortlist, Proposal Contracts*

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-22 authorizes a Professional Artist Services agreement in substantially the form attached with each of the above five (5) artists in the fixed fee amount of $750.00 for proposal development services for the Main Office project of the Miami-Dade Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Miami-based Shortlist

	Recommended Artist	Proposal Fee
1.	Beth Bru	$ 750.00
2.	Edny Jean Joseph	$ 750.00
3.	Christopher Mitchell	$ 750.00
4.	Roscoe B. Thicke, III	$ 750.00
5.	Tom Virgin	$ 750.00
	Combined Total Expenditure:	**$ 3,750.00**

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-22 was approved unanimously (Motion by David Sexton, seconded by David Fernandez).

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-23: *James Carpenter, Concourse K Proposal Contract*

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-23 authorizing a Professional Artist Services agreement in substantially the form attached with Studio James Carpenter in the amount of $15,000.00 for proposal development services for the new Concourse K cladding project at the Miami International Airport.

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-23 was approved unanimously (Motion by David Sexton, seconded by David Fernandez).

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-24: *Karen Rifas, Caribbean Isles, PSA*

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-24 authorizing a Professional Artist Services agreement in substantially the form attached with Karen Rifas in the fixed amount of $145,000.00 for Phase I-Design and Phase II- Fabrication and Installation Services of the artwork project for the residential phase of the Caribbean Isles housing development project.

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-24 was approved unanimously (Motion by David Sexton, seconded by David Fernandez).

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-25: *Najja Moon, Terminal V-Virgin, PSA*

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-25, authorizing a Professional Artist Services Agreement, in substantially the form attached with Najja Moon in the fixed fee amount of $105,000.00 for Phase I-Design and Phase II-Fabrication and Installation Services for the outdoor sculptural work on the grounds of the Virgin Voyages Terminal V at PortMiami.

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-25 was approved unanimously (Motion by David Sexton, seconded by David Fernandez).

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-26: *Loan Agreement w/ FIU for "Darted Again" by Sam Gilliam*

Trust Resolution APPT 26-26 authorizing a loan agreement of APP collection artwork "Darted Again" by Sam Gilliam (1974–75), to the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum at Florida International University for the exhibition *Invitation to Openness* and related educational purposes for the loan period of April 15 through October 20, 2026.

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-26 was approved unanimously (Motion by David Sexton, seconded by David Fernandez).

Reports and Discussion Items

Trust member David Sexton requested to review and discuss the rules on Trust membership attendance and proposed changing the maximum of excused absences from the current five (5) to six (6) excused absences. Interim Director, Ashlee K. Thomas mentioned that recommendations for new Trust members will be presented to commissioners for new appointments, and that final decisions regarding attendance would be discussed at the next Trust Executive Committee meeting to be scheduled in May 2026.

Program Updates

Patricia Romeu, APP Chief, provided an update on upcoming Call to Artists including a new expanded Artist Registry to be used for new housing development projects, two (2) National Call to Artists one for the Upland Park development project located in the western part of the County with over $2 million worth of art opportunities and another for three (3) upcoming Water and Sewer Operating facilities, and an International Call to Artists for multiple expansion projects at Miami International Airport including the new Concourse K, the Interconnectors, the Central Terminal Expansion, and the D60 North Terminal Expansion.

Amanda Sanfilippo Long, Curator and Artists Manager, also announced the opening reception of the South Florida Cultural Consortium at MOCA North Miami in addition to the APP team participation in the upcoming conference for the Florida Association of Public Art Professionals at the end of April in West Palm Beach. Amanda also acknowledged the participation of APP Program Chief Patricia Romeu, as a featured speaker at this year's Arts and Hospitality event by the Arts & Business Council.

Project Updates – None

Collection Updates - None

Director's Report

Ashlee K. Thomas, Interim Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs, thanked the APP team for their continued dedication to the program and announced an important meeting on April 15th at the City of Miami City Hall regarding the approval of the next phase of the Coconut Grove Playhouse restoration and expansion project.

Respectfully submitted,

Yusimy Lara
Projects Administrator