

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE BOARD  
HICKORY CREEK TOWN HALL  
1075 RONALD REAGAN, HICKORY CREEK, TEXAS  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Kessee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The following members were present:

Chairperson Lee Kessee

Vice Chairperson Melissa Stone

Member Mary Alsmiller

Member Suzanne Ortolano

Member Lisa Reynolds

Member Chandra Govite

The following member was absent:

Member Tony Tolbert

Also in attendance:

Ian Theodore, Council Liaison

Paige Duncan, Administrative Assistant

**Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. And Texas Flags**

Chairperson Kessee led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

**Invocation**

Councilmember Theodore gave the invocation.

**Items of Community Interest**

There were no items of community interest.

**Public Comment**

There were no speakers for public comment.

**Consent Agenda**

1. July 2025 Arts and Culture Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Member Reynolds to accept the July 2025 Arts and Culture meeting minutes, Seconded by Vice Chairperson Stone.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Kessee, Vice Chairperson Stone, Member Alsmiller, Member Ortolano, Member Reynolds, Member Govite. Motion passed unanimously

### **Regular Agenda**

2. Consider and act on a date and time for the Hickory Creek's First Stage event.

Chairperson Kessee called for a vote.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Kessee, Vice Chairperson Stone, Member Alsmiller, Member Ortolano, Member Reynolds, Member Govite. Motion passed unanimously

3. Discussion regarding Hickory Creek's First Stage, the grand opening event for the amphitheater, to be held on October 11, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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4. Discussion regarding naming the amphitheater.

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5. Discuss volunteerism and community involvement in support of the Arts and Culture Board.

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6. Discuss future town events with Arts and Culture Board participation.

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7. Consider and act on meeting dates for the remainder of 2025.

Motion made by Vice Chairperson Stone to host ad hoc meetings for September 10th and 24th and October 1st and 8th, Seconded by Member Govite.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Kessee, Vice Chairperson Stone, Member Alsmiller, Member Ortolano, Member Reynolds, Member Govite. Motion passed unanimously

### **Future Agenda Items**

The following items were requested: art contest celebrating the 250th 4th of July and quarterly jazz nights.

### **Adjournment**

Motion made by Member Reynolds to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Vice Chairperson Stone.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Kessee, Vice Chairperson Stone, Member Alsmiller, Member Ortolano, Member Reynolds, Member Govite. Motion passed unanimously

The meeting did then stand adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

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Lee Kessee, Chairperson  
Arts and Culture Board

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Paige Duncan, Administrative Assistant  
Town of Hickory Creek