

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE BOARD
HICKORY CREEK TOWN HALL
1075 RONALD REAGAN, HICKORY CREEK, TEXAS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Stone called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Vice Chairperson Melissa Stone

Member Tony Tolbert

Member Chandra Govite

Member Mary Alsmiller

Member Lisa Reynolds

The following members were absent:

Chairperson Lee Kessee

Member Suzanne Ortolano

Also in attendance:

John Smith, Town Manager

Ian Theodore, Council Liaison

Paige Duncan, Administrative Assistant

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

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

Invocation

Councilmember Theodore gave the invocation.

Items of Community Interest

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0415 the Arts and Culture Board may report on the following: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; an honorary or salutary recognition of an individual; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body; and announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality or county that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

Councilmember Theodore thanked the Arts and Culture Board for their service.

Public Comment

This item allows the public an opportunity to address the Arts and Culture Board on both agenda and non-agenda items. To comply with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, the board cannot discuss or take action on items brought before them not posted on the agenda. Please complete a request if you wish to address the board. Comments will be limited to three minutes total for any and all items being presented. Public comment is for information only. No charges and/or complaints will be heard against any elected official, board member, the Town, or employee of the Town that are prohibited by law.

There were no speakers for public comment.

Consent Agenda

Items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be self-explanatory and will be enacted with one motion. No separate discussion of these items will occur unless so requested by at least one member of the Arts and Culture Board.

1. October 2025 Arts and Culture Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Member Reynolds to approve the October 2025 Arts and Culture Board Meeting Minutes, Seconded by Member Tolbert.

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

Regular Agenda

2. Discussion regarding developing 3-5 calendar of events for the year.

Discussion was held regarding developing 3-5 calendar of events for the year.

3. Discussion regarding future events in the Town of Hickory Creek.

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4. Discussion regarding parameters for committing to events so we don't run into the same challenges as last time.

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5. Consider and act on the appointment of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

The appointment of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson was tabled until the next meeting.

Adjournment

Motion made by Member Alsmiller to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Member Govite.
Voting Yea: Vice Chairperson Stone, Member Alsmiller, Member Tolbert, Member Reynolds,
Member Govite. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting did then stand adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Melissa Stone, Vice Chairperson
Arts and Culture Board

Paige Duncan, Administrative Assistant
Town of Hickory Creek