



**NOTICE OF  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE BOARD  
HICKORY CREEK TOWN HALL  
1075 RONALD REAGAN AVENUE, HICKORY CREEK, TEXAS 75065  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025, 6:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

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

**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.

**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.

**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.](#) August 2025 Arts and Culture Meeting Minutes

**Regular Agenda**

2. Discussion regarding Hickory Creek's First Stage, the grand opening event for the amphitheater.

3. Discussion regarding possible name proposals for the Amphitheater, to be voted on at the grand opening
4. Discussion regarding future event ideas

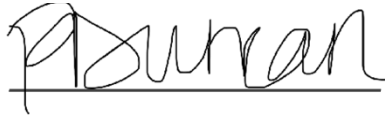
### **Future Agenda Items**

The purpose of this section is to allow each Arts and Culture Member the opportunity to propose that an item be added as a business item to any future agenda. Any discussion of, or a decision about, the subject matter shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.

### **Adjournment**

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact Town Hall at 940-497-2528 or by fax 940-497-3531 so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

I, Paige Duncan, certify that this meeting notice was posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall, 1075 Ronald Reagan Avenue, Hickory Creek, Texas on September 11, 2025 at 12:30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paige Duncan", written over a horizontal line.

Paige Duncan  
Town of Hickory Creek

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE BOARD  
HICKORY CREEK TOWN HALL  
1075 RONALD REAGAN, HICKORY CREEK, TEXAS  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Kessee called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The following members were present:

Chairperson Lee Kessee  
Vice Chairperson Melissa Stone  
Member Suzanne Ortolano  
Member Tony Tolbert  
Member Chandra Govite

The following members were absent:

Member Mary Alsmiller  
Member Lisa Reynolds

Also in attendance:

John Smith, Town Manager  
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**

Chairperson Kessee gave the invocation.

**Items of Community Interest**

The annual tree lighting will be held Friday, December 5, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

**Public Comment**

There were no speakers for public comment.

**Regular Agenda**

1. Discussion regarding a grand opening event for the amphitheater.

Discussion was held regarding a grand opening event for the amphitheater.

## **Adjournment**

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

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

The meeting did then stand adjourned at 7:08 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

**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.

Discussion was held 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.

4. Discussion regarding naming the amphitheater.

Discussion was held regarding naming the amphitheater.

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

Discussion was held regarding volunteerism and community involvement in support of the Arts and Culture Board.

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

Discussion was held regarding future town events with Arts and Culture Board participation.

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