

Cultural Arts & Heritage Commission
May 7, 2026

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Cultural Arts & Heritage Commission was held on May 7, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in the Mean Green Conference Room at the Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building, 408 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members Present: Rhyan Phillips, Chair
Twyla U. Williams, Vice Chair
Victoria Russell, Secretary
Von Aday
Emily Finch
April Honore
Ezriel Wilson

Others Present: Laurie Mosley, Director, Convention & Visitors Bureau

1. Call to Order

Chair Rhyan Phillips called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Consider approval of minutes of the Cultural Arts & Heritage Commission meeting of March 5, 2026

Action:

Von Aday moved to approve the Cultural Arts & Heritage Commission meeting minutes of March 5, 2026 as presented. Motion was seconded by Twyla U. Williams and carried unanimously (7-0).

4. Discussion with current Arts Council members focused on reviewing new forms and upcoming deadlines

The Waxahachie Cultural Arts and Heritage Commission met to introduce revamped procedures for Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funding. Representatives from most of the entities currently receiving funding were in attendance to discuss the new procedures for applications. Chair Phillips detailed the new application and compliance forms that were designed to enhance transparency and ensure funds effectively drive tourism. Key deadlines were established: a 2025 compliance report is due June 30th, followed by a 2027 funding application on July 31st.

Moving forward, allocations will be organization-specific rather than evenly distributed, prioritizing financial responsibility and active fund usage. The entity representatives discussed different ways to track visitors and shared updates on upcoming community events.

The Commission stressed that they would review these compliance reports and applications but that the final approval for funding rests with the City Council.

5. Set next meeting date and time

The next Cultural Arts and Heritage Commission meeting will be held July 9, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Russell, Secretary
Cultural Arts & Heritage Commission