

AGENDA
Board of Directors Meeting #4 2025
HYBRID (in person and virtual)
School House Meeting Room
Wednesday May 14, 2025 @ 7pm

Mary Ann McConkey, Chair

1 (1 min)	Agenda MOTION to Approve the Agenda	Mary Ann McConkey
2 (2 min)	Previous Minutes MOTION to approve the minutes for the Board meetings on April 16, 2025 as presented	Mary Ann McConkey
3 (1 min)	Statements of Conflict of Interest	ALL
4(45 min)	Finance & Audit Committee 2023 Audited Financial Statements Report from the Auditor • Audited Financial Statements • Communication from the Auditor • T3010 Charity Return • T1235 Directors/Trustees and Like Officials Worksheet MOTION to move in camera with the Auditor MOTION to approve the 2024 Audited Financial Statements as presented MOTION to approve the submission of the T3010 charity return and T1235 Directors/Trustees and Like Officials Worksheet as prepared Report from the committee • Interim March 31, 2025 interim statement MOTION to Approve the interim financial statements to March 31, 2025 interim statement MOTION to Accept the Finance & Audit Committee Report	Michelle Lockie Guest: Linda Thibault

5 (45 min)	Strategic Advisory Team • PESTL and SWOT Analysis • Focus areas and key objectives for strategic planning	Morry Patoka
6 (10 min)	Executive Director Report • Monthly Report – reporting on April activity MOTION to Receive the Executive Director’s Report	Suzanne Haines
7 (20 min)	Governance & Nominating Committee Report from the Committee • Board performance review results • Board member slate for AGM MOTION to confirm receipt and review of the 2024 Board Assessment results MOTION: to recommend the following slate to the Members at the Annual General Meeting For a two-year term expiring in June 2027: Garry Blye, Colette Nemni, Mandana Gholami Mobarakabadi, Morry Patoka, and Paulina Vujinovic The following current Directors who have 1 year remaining in their current 2-year term that expires June 2026 by confirmed: Edlene Antonio, Phiona Durrant, Stephen Lusk, Mary Ann McConkey, and Anita Townsend MOTION to Accept the Governance & Nominating Committee Report	Edlene Antonio
8 (10 min)	Development Committee Report from the Committee • YTD Numbers • June 12th event MOTION to Accept the Development Committee Report	Morry Patoka
9 (5 min)	Outreach Committee MOTION to Accept the Outreach Committee Report	Anita Townsend
10	New Business	ALL

11	Next Meeting • June 18, 2025 –6-7pm – regular Board meeting • June 18, 2025 – 7pm Annual General Meeting • June 18, 2025 – 7:30 (ish) post AGM Board Meeting	
12	MOTION to Adjourn Meeting	ALL



PERFORMING ARTS
GALLERIES
EDUCATION

MINUTES
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Chair: Mary Ann McConkey

Present: Mary Ann McConkey (Chair), Edlene Antonio, Councillor John Gallo (online), Michelle Lockie, Stephen Lusk (online), Mandana Gholami Mobarakadadi, Morry Patoka, Anita Townsend, Councillor Ron Weese

Regrets: Phiona Durrant

Guests: Linda Thibault

Staff: Suzanne Haines (Executive Director)

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Minutes recorded by: Anita Townsend – Secretary of the Board

Anita Townsend

April 2025

Special Events

Parent & Teen Outreach

April 2, 2025

Aurora High School Parent/Teacher night

The team shared information and spoke with parents and teens at the Aurora High School parent/teacher night.

Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 27, 2025 – May 3, 2024

Our volunteers' unwavering dedication and passion are the driving force behind every event, exhibit, and experience at the Aurora Cultural Centre. They help to make the ACC a welcoming space where community can come together and thrive.



Aurora Cultural Centre thanks our dedicated team of volunteers!

Aurora Chamber Home & Living Show

April 26 & 27, 2025

Community members stopped by our booth to learn about upcoming ACC programming in Education, Gallery & Performing Arts. Emerging artist Jay Blues entertained with two incredible guitar-driven blues sets.



Community Outreach at the Aurora Chamber Home & Living Show.

Performing Arts Programs

“Genius + Soul” The Music of Ray Charles

April 5, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Davide De Simone Performance Hall

Attendance: 218

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/2024-25-genius-soul-ray-charles-tribute/>

JUNO Award-winning producer and musical director Lance Anderson returns to the Centre with an all-star Canadian cast of award-winning blues and roots musicians in a special concert honouring the father of Soul – Ray Charles! Featuring special guests Kenny ‘Blues Boss’ Wayne on keys, soul and gospel singer Quisha Wint, Gene Hardy on saxophone and Keavn McKenzie on percussion. The powerhouse lineup of hits included What I’d Say, Hit the Road Jack, The Nighttime is Right Time, and Hallelujah, I Love Her So.



Martha Chaves “United Colours of Canada”

Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 7:30pm

Davide De Simone Performance Hall

Attendance: 215

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/2024-25-martha-chaves-united-colours/>

This comedy show celebrated all the shades of Canadian humor. Featuring comics Daphne Joseph, Leonard Chan, Fiona O’Brien, George Westerholm, Danish Anwar and Judy Croon, the show was hosted by Martha Chaves, known from her appearances on CBC Radio’s Because News, The Debaters and Laugh Out Loud. Chaves also teaches at Humber College and Toronto Metropolitan University inspiring the next generation of stand-up comedians.



Upcoming Performing Arts Events

Cheng² Duo

May 3 at 7:30 pm

Davide De Simone Performance Hall

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/2024-25-cheng2-duo/>

The Once

May 24 at 7:30 pm

Davide De Simone Performance Hall

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/2024-25-the-once/>

Gallery Programs

#MCOYA25

Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts 2025

In person: February 8 – April 20, 2025

All Galleries

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/mcoya25/>

Open Studio

Weekly on Wednesdays

Art Activity Room

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/events-for-artists/>

YAR Muddle Mural Meet-Up

First Tuesday of every month

3 pm – 5 pm

Art Activity Room

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/muddle-mural/>

Art Bytes

Art Bytes are an ongoing online series that accompanies our exhibitions and give viewers an opportunity to deepen their understanding about the art and artists. Art Bytes are available for viewing through our YouTube channel during and after gallery exhibitions.

One new Art Byte was added in April, featuring Jianming Chen, the ACC Winter Artist-in-Residence. His art will be showcased in the Great Hall Gallery starting May 1. Art Bytes can be found here: [Gallery Art Bytes link](#)

Art Byte Topic	Exhibition	Link
Jianming Chen: ACC Winter Artist-in-Residence	When Aurora Thaws: A Visual Soliloquy	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ssmLJ_eUCeE

Upcoming Gallery Events

Laurence Vallieres

May 9 – July 22, 2025

Homeroom Galleries

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/mcoya25/>

Jianming Chen

May 1 – July 13, 2025

Lower Hall Gallery

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/jianming-chen/>

Education Programs

Term Classes, Workshops and Short Courses

The busy spring season kicked off in April with the start of 21 programs, including classes and workshops for ages pre-school through to older adults (55+).

Class	Start Date	End Date	Age Group
Watercolour Level 1 (55+)	March 31, 2025	June 23, 2025	Older Adult
Watercolours The Basics (55+)	April 7, 2025	June 2, 2025	Older Adult
Comic Drawing for Children	April 7, 2025	June 2, 2025	Children
Watercolour Level 2 (55+)	April 8, 2025	June 10, 2025	Older Adult
Expand Your Horizons in Acrylics Level 2	April 8, 2025	May 27, 2025	Adult
Drawing Fundamentals	April 9, 2025	June 11, 2025	Adult
Watercolours – Intermediate & Advanced	April 9, 2025	May 28, 2025	Adult
Learn Anime	April 9, 2025	May 7, 2025	Youth
Guitar Intermediate	April 9, 2025	May 28, 2025	Adult
Acrylic Paint Beginner (55+)	April 10, 2025	June 12, 2025	Older Adult
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Drawing Fundamentals (55+)	April 10, 2025	June 12, 2025	Older Adult
Watercolours: Basics & Beyond	April 10, 2025	June 5, 2025	Adult
Printmaking: Linocut Basics	April 10, 2025	April 10, 2025	Adult
Lil' Jammers Caregiver & Child (2)	April 12, 2025	June 14, 2025	Pre-school
Rhythm Kids	April 12, 2025	June 14, 2025	Children
Children's Visual Art 1	April 12, 2025	June 14, 1025	Children
Children's Visual Art 2	April 12, 2025	June 14, 2025	Children
Crepe Paper Butterfly Ranunculus Flower	April 13, 2025	April 13, 2025	Adult
Printmaking: Trace Monotypes	April 24, 2025	April 24, 2025	Adult
Introduction to Textile Sculpting	April 27, 2025	April 27, 2025	Adult

To see current educational offerings please visit: <https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/adult-classes/> or <https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/childrens-classes/>

Administration

- This month has been dedicated to finalizing the 2025-2026 performing arts season, including the release of dates not needed in Aurora Town Square. Season launch is set for June 26th.
- The new design concept has been delivered and will be implemented in the new season

brochure and then throughout the other programs.

Human Resources

- Please welcome our new Finance Associate, Franca Zumpetta, who started April 14, 2025
- Please welcome summer education team members: Almasi Almasi, Andrea Huerta, Bryan Ho, Julia Sobiesiak, Nazia Munir, Romy Barakat, Shannon McClelland, and Stephanie Reilly.
- We are finalizing the final few members of the staff team for the summer.

Facilities/Aurora Town Square

- ATS detailed fire safety plan draft was reviewed with Town staff. As it gets updated, we will continue to be involved. Training will follow a finalized plan.
- ATS Collaborative Programming Team joint marketing for summer programming and joint programming initiatives.
- Quarterly review of the Temporary Amending Agreement with Director of Community Services and Manager of Cultural Services

Board Activities

Development Committee Meeting: May 5, 2025

Outreach Committee Meeting: May 5, 2025

Finance & Audit Committee Meeting: May 8, 2025

Governance & Nominating Committee Meeting: May 13, 2025

- Board interviews: May 1, May 5, 2025

Community Connections/Artistic Events

- Monthly meeting with Director of Community Services
- Monthly meeting with ATS Leadership Group
- Aurora Arts, Culture and Heritage Network monthly meeting

Respectfully Submitted by

Suzanne Haines
Executive Director