

City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

5:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

Arts Commission

Commission Members

Deborah Filotto

Donna Franks-Tapley

Tom Grotovsky

Ron Romero

Julia Russotti

John Simpson, Jr.

Peg Stoiber

Deborah Summers

Debra Volling

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ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present	John Simpson Jr, Peg (Marguerite) Stoiber, Deborah Summers, Deborah Filotto, Donna Franks-Tapley and Ron Romero
Absent	Tom Grotovsky, Debra Volling and Julia Russotti

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Attachments: [August 20 2025 Meeting Minutes Arts Commission.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Ron Romero, seconded by John Simpson, Jr, to approve COUNCIL MEMO #TMP-9087: August 20 2025 Arts Commission Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Simpson Jr, Stoiber, Summers, Filotto, Franks-Tapley and Romero

Absent: Grotovsky, Volling and Russotti

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

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AGENDA ITEMS

City Square Sculpture artist Sijia Chen presented an overview of her work on the sculpture to date and how she plans to interact with the Joliet public through a series of upcoming workshops and with her project website. Ms. Chen clarified that symbolic items that are repeatedly mentioned either in the workshops or on the project website will be considered for inclusion into the final design. The project calls for four weeks of community engagement, with a goal deliverable date of May of 2026.

STAFF COMMENTS

Staff Liaison Ann Sylvester stated that she would be reaching out to the Arts Commissioners to schedule individual meetings to discuss next steps for the Commission.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Romero stated that he was able to host Sijia Chen at the Rock and Roll Museum. Commissioner Simpson asked if staff had knowledge about the Art in America web series. Commissioner Franks-Tapley stated she and several other Joliet area artists were profiled in the series.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Peg (Marguerite) Stoiber, seconded by Donna Franks-Tapley, to adjourn at 5:38 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Simpson Jr, Stoiber, Summers, Filotto, Franks-Tapley and Romero

Absent: Grotovsky, Volling and Russotti

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