



COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 5.3

DATE: January 27, 2026

TO: Chairperson and Members of the Commission for the Arts

FROM: Allen McFarland, Management Analyst II

SUBJECT: Election of 2026 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts nominate and vote to select candidates for the positions of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Commission for the Arts.

DECISION TYPE

Administrative

SUMMARY

Each year, the Commission for the Arts must elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, as outlined in the City of Livermore Commission for the Arts Rules of Procedure (2022). Most recently, Commissioner Laurence E. Milder has been serving as the Chairperson and Commissioner Natalia Custodio has served as the Vice Chairperson.

DISCUSSION

Section 5 of the City of Livermore Commission for the Arts Rules of Procedure (2022) addresses election of officers:

The Commission for the Arts shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson at the first meeting held after January 1st of each year. Election of the officers shall be by majority vote of the Commission. The role of the officers shall be as follows:

Chairperson - The Chairperson shall preside at all regular meetings and may call special meetings. The Chairperson shall decide upon all points of order and procedure during the meeting.

Vice Chairperson - The Vice Chairperson shall assume all duties of the Chairperson in the absence or

disability of the Chairperson.

Presiding Officer - In the absence of the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson, the members present shall select a Presiding Officer.

The Rules of Procedure includes information about the election of a Presiding Officer, if needed, but only the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson are elected at the January meeting.

The current Commission for the Arts Member terms may be helpful to the discussion. They are as follows:

Custodio, Natalia - Term ending 01/01/29
Babar, Tauheeda - Term ending 01/01/29
deOrnelas, Cathleen - Term ending 01/01/27
Dewhurst, Tomasin - Term ending 01/01/29
Gausman, Robert - Term ending 01/02/27
Kowlgi, Rajagopal - Term ending 01/01/27
Lane, Monya - Term ending 01/02/27
Milder, Laurence - Term ending 01/01/29
Sahn, Tracy - Term ending 01/01/29

All Commissioners are eligible to make nominations and/or serve as Chairperson or Vice Chairperson.

ATTACHMENTS

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