

## Legislation Text

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### Establish an Arts and Culture Advisory Board

#### **Action:**

**Approve the Arts and Culture Ad-Hoc Committee's recommendation to establish an Arts and Culture Advisory Board.**

#### **Committee Chair:**

Julie Eiselt, Arts and Culture Ad-Hoc Committee

#### **Staff Resource(s):**

Tracy Dodson, City Manager's Office

#### **Background**

- In January 2021, Mayor Lyles charged an ad-hoc committee of council members with developing a policy for arts and culture.
- The Arts and Culture Ad-Hoc Committee (Committee) met on February 8, 2021 to discuss how to refocus arts and culture resources to raise Charlotte's profile as a destination city and to address community challenges such as social justice, education, workforce development, and equitable access to opportunity.
- The recommendations were discussed by City Council on at the March 1, 2021 Strategy Session. A letter outlining these recommendations is attached.
- Staff provided a presentation to City Council at the March 3, 2021 Budget Workshop that included the recommendation to establish an Arts and Culture Advisory Board.

#### **Explanation**

- The Arts and Culture Advisory Board (the Advisory Board) will work with the Arts and Culture Officer on the following initiatives:
  - Developing a comprehensive Arts and Culture Plan,
  - Allocating remaining funds of \$4.4 million to support arts, culture, and artists in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, and
  - Allocating \$12 million each in FY 2023 and FY 2024.
- The Arts and Culture Advisory Board will be comprised of 18 individuals, including:
  - Nine Private Sector Appointments
    - One appointment will be an Arts and Science Council Appointee.
  - Nine public sector appointments
    - Three Mayor appointments
    - Six City Council appointments
- The members will serve one, three-year term. The future of the Arts and Culture Advisory Board will be determined through the Arts and Culture Plan.
- The Mayor will appoint the Chair.
- Members must take an oath of office and are subject to City Council's Attendance and Anti-Harassment Policies and Code of Ethics, Gift Policy and Disclosure Requirements for members of boards and must file a Statement of Economic Interest by February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

#### **Committee Discussion**

- On June 22, 2021, the Committee unanimously approved the recommendation to establish and

Arts and Culture Advisory Board as outlined above.

**Attachment(s)**

Arts and Culture Ad-Hoc Committee Letter