

**REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

Meeting Date: January 5, 2026

Agenda Item: 5B	Prepared for: Ryan Fabbri, City Manager
Agenda Section: Consent: Motion to Appoint	Date: December 29, 2025
Subject: Five appointments to the Public Arts Commission	Division: Administration

**Background:**

The City of North Myrtle Beach has established a 5-member Public Arts Commission to serve four-year terms, with limits on consecutive years of service. The Commission will serve in an advisory capacity to City Council and the Planning and Development Department, with responsibilities including awarding façade improvement grants, selecting artists for public art projects, recommending policies for arts and culture, and fostering community partnerships. Planning staff will provide administrative support to the Commission. The structure of the Commission is also consistent with the South Carolina Arts Commission’s Cultural District Program, positioning North Myrtle Beach to pursue state-level recognition and resources for arts and cultural initiatives.

The following residents are eligible and willing to serve for a four-year term, if appointed:

NAME	CATEGORY A	CATEGORY B	CATEGORY C
Jennifer Batton	Arts Organization	Artist/Designer	Other Stakeholder
Katie Charleston			Other Stakeholder
Marlaina “Nina” Ortiz	Arts Organization	Artist/Designer	
Becca Willard	Arts Related Business	Artist/Designer	Other Stakeholder
Lauren Woodward	Arts Organization	Artist/Designer	Other Stakeholder

**Recommended Action:**

Appoint Jennifer Batten, Katie Charleston, Marlaina “Nina” Ortiz, Becca Willard, and Lauren Woodward to the Public Arts Commission

Reviewed by Department Head	Reviewed by City Manager	Reviewed by City Attorney
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Council Action:  
Motion By \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> By \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_