

Cultural Arts Commission Election Procedure Guidelines

All voting for officers must be done in an open public meetings. Secret ballot voting is not allowed. However, paper ballots may be used for convenience as long as the results are tallied and votes are reported out in the meeting minutes.

The Commission should come to a consensus on a decision as to:

1. Which voting method to use; and
2. Whether to conduct individual votes for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair, or whether to vote on a combined slate.

Voting Method 1:

The first nomination made for an office is voted on, and if there is a majority vote of the Commission members for that person, then that person is elected to the office. Traditionally, this is the method that the City Council has used in voting for Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Voting Method 2:

The names of all Commission members interested in the office are presented for a vote of the Commission members, and the member receiving the majority of the vote is elected to the office.

There is no formal policy nor does there need to be a written policy on which method to use. The method of voting is at the discretion of the Commission.