

Cultural Connections Committee Minutes

Location: City Hall Auditorium

Date: 3/26/2025 | Time: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Donna Marceau.

2. Roll Call and Introductions

Roll call and introductions were conducted by Chair Donna Marceau at 12:01 p.m.

3. Attendance

Members in Attendance (In-Person):

Daniel Healey, Meta Vornehm, Xianglan Zhu, Donna Marceau, Iraidia Muñoz, Gloria Timmons Jenn Hosking, Lynne Boyer, Adelina Hernandez

Non-Members in Attendance (In-Person):

Alejandro Urrutria, Julia Stryzhenko, Abimana Ngira, , Emily Vassar, Marina Vaz

Members Attending via Zoom:

Claudia Decker, Barbara Costa

Non-Members Attending via Zoom:

Loick Muyuka, David Holt, Miris Fernandes, Yu Aloe, Silvia Petuck.

4. Approval of February 26, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Approval of the February meeting minutes was postponed due to an insufficient number of members present.

5. Formation of Committee to Study By-Laws

A working group was formalized, comprised of five committee members. This working group met this morning and proposed changes to the existing 2019 draft bylaws. The secretary will present the document to the committee for the next session, and a space will be designated at the meeting to share it with committee members.

6. Presentation & Discussion

Today's presentation was led by Lynne Boyer, Executive Director of Community Impact at the YMCA of Greater Nashua. She gave an overview of the programs available to our community. Participants also had a question-and-answer period.

7. Nashua Multicultural Festival Planning

Multicultural Festival Updates- Iraidia Muñoz- chair of the festival planning committee presented some updates for the 2025 Nashua Multicultural Festival. Iraidia reported on the progress of communications

with city departments, including Risk Management, the Nashua Public Library, and others. She also reported on preliminary discussions with the community television team.

With current executive orders impacting immigration, ensuring a safe, inclusive, and welcoming festival is a priority.

- Iraida requested support on connecting and consulting with ethnic communities on how they wish to celebrate their cultures.
- The task force formation will occur after key decisions are made.
- Iraida encouraged committee members and participants to join the festival planning team, which will begin meeting in April.

9. Announcements

- Transportation meeting 3/27/25
- The Hudson Litchfield Rotary Club is organizing a food drive to support the Hudson Food Pantry. The event will occur on Friday, April 5, from 9 AM to 1 PM.
- Healthy Kids Fest 4/12 10-1pm at the Westwood Park YMCA. This is a free event celebrating health, wellness, and community.
- Community Baby Shower- 4/23/25. UW is still accepting donations. For more information contact United Way of Greater Nashua and info@unitedwaynashua.org or (603)882-4011
- Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter Race- 4/6/25 @ 1pm. Still time to sign up.
- Next Welcoming NH Table: May 5th.
- Pride Parade- 6/21/25

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 30th, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.