

Cultural Connections Committee Minutes

Location: City Hall Auditorium

Date: 4/30/2025 | Time: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at noon by Chair Donna Marceau.

2. Roll Call and Introductions

Roll call and introductions were conducted by Chair Donna Marceau at 12:02 p.m.

3. Attendance-**22 people**

Members in Attendance (In-Person):10

Daniel Healey, Meta Vornehm, Xianglan Zhu, Donna Marceau, Iraida Muñoz, Gloria Timmons, Lynne Boyer, Sandra Pratt, Ayda Nadeer, Elizabeth Berry.

Non-Members in Attendance (In-Person): 9

Danielle Crowe, Carla Begin, Sara Lemley, Julia Stryzhenko, Emily Vassar, Eric Drouart, Martha Acherman, Mark Pratt, Loick Muyuka

Members Attending via Zoom: 2

Claudia Decker, Barbara Costa

Non-Members Attending via Zoom: 1

David Holt

4. Approval of February 26, 2025, and March 26, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Approval of the February meeting minutes was made. Last month, it was postponed due to an insufficient number of members present.

5. Presentation & Discussion

1. Today's presentation was led by Richard Haynes, UNH admissions counselor. Richard is a NH multicultural artist who spoke on “Becoming a multicultural artist, what one person can do to make a difference when times are hard. “ Participants had the opportunity to ask questions at the end of his presentation.

7. Nashua Multicultural Festival Planning

Multicultural Festival Updates- Iraida Muñoz, chair of the festival planning committee, presented some updates for the 2025 Nashua Multicultural Festival. Iraida requested support on connecting and consulting with ethnic communities on how they wish to celebrate their culture, and encouraged committee members and participants to join the festival planning team, which meets every other Friday at 3 o'clock via Zoom. A follow-up email will be sent.

9. Announcements

- Transportation meeting normally meets monthly on the 4th Thursday at 10 am, 5/22/25
- GNMH Race- 5/17/25 @ 10 pm.
- Lions Club race against Diabetes 5/18/25 @9am
- Family Journey Pre- Pre-Postpartum Listening Session 5/18@10am @ Merrimack YMCA
- Talk Save Lives for LatinX in Spanish only- 5/15 @ ASCC- 5 pm
- SNHMC Surveys for Spanish Speakers only- 5/16 @ ASCC- 5 pm
- Next Welcoming NH Table: May 8th @9am
- Pride Parade- 6/21/25

10. Adjournment

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at noon.