

Cultural Connections Committee Minutes
Location: City Hall Auditorium
Date: 10/29/2025 | 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 12:00 p.m.

3. Attendance-17 people

Members in Attendance (In-Person): 7

Donna Marceau, Iraidia Muñoz, Marina Vaz, Xiannglan Zhu, Jen Hosking, Meta Vornehm, Bernadette Melta- Plante

Non-Members in Attendance (In-Person): 4

Emily Vassar, Kerry Miller, Jen Buteau

Members Attending via Zoom: 2

Barbara Costa, Elizabeth Berry

Non-Members Attending via Zoom: 4

David Holt, Yu Aloe Rioux, Julia, Sarah Lemlay

4. Approval of September 2025, meeting Minutes

Approval of the July and August meeting minutes are still pending for approval.

5. Presentation & Discussion

1. Today's presentation was led by Jen Buteau from Impact Consulting speaking about Community Transportation.
2. As a second guest speaker, we had Kerry Miller from NTS speaking about their offerings, as it is October and we highlight Community Transportation month. Kerry clarified NTS will provide Rides to the Polls on election day. Q&A followed.

6. Community Announcements

- ALC Pilot Spanish class we will be starting January 22, 2026 at noon on Thursdays for 10 weeks. Contact Sarah Lemley for more information. (603) 882-9080 X 2237 slemley@nashuaalc.org
- Marina Vaz announced tonight at 6pm is the Greater Nashua Transportation Equity Meeting. Meeting objectives: Follow up on pending NTS discussions – Board of Mayor and Aldermen presentation debrief; NTS Fare Study survey; Proposed route changes
- Tuesday, Nov 4th is Election day. Iraidia announced we will have volunteers available for interpretation as needed in main languages (Spanish and Portuguese). If any other language is

needed, we will plan. If any person is interested in volunteering, please contact Iraida Muñoz @ munozi@nashuanh.gov.

- Welcoming NH Thursday Nov 13 from 9-11 am via zoom- speaker- Karen Phillippi, Senior Policy Advisor with Welcoming America
- Arlington Street Community Center- Second community conversation on November 7th. The event runs from 5:30-7:30pm
- The St Joseph Hospital Mission Medical and Meals monthly event will be held this upcoming Monday from 4p-6p.

7. Adjournment

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

Next Meeting: January 28th, 2026, Wednesday, at Noon at the Nashua City Hall, 3rd Floor Auditorium, our annual meeting!