

NCAC Meeting
August 6, 2025
Newnan City Hall

The August, 2025 meeting of the Newnan Cultural Arts Commission (NCAC) met at the City of Newnan, 2nd Floor Conference Room, with Chair Jaami Rutledge presiding. The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. with the following members present:

Bob McKoon

Jaami Rutledge, Chair

Mak Strickland

Gabby White, Secretary

Elizabeth Williams

Nora Ann Wood, Vice Chair

Brent Snodgrass, City Leisure Services Director

Madeline Sain, Wadsworth Auditorium Events Coordinator

Hasco Craver, Assistant City Manager

Dr. Ronnie Oliver

The Chair welcomed the attendees. The Minutes of the July 9, 2025 meeting were approved and will be filed.

Vice Chair Report: No report

Chair Report: Jaami reintroduced our newest member Elizabeth Williams. Finance review. Report attached.

Continuing Business:

Jazz in the Park Debrief:

Around 500 attendees despite of rainy weather beforehand. Have received positive public feedback.

Jazz in the Park 2026 Location:

Plan is to keep Jazz in the Park at the Newnan Amp for the 2026 season also and continue using the City trolley as transportation. Potentially keep the last Friday of the month for next season also. Dates: 6/26, 7/31, 8/28

Songwriters Festival Update: 1/30/26 – 1/31/26

Madeline has officially reached out to two artists: Adam Wright and Tinsley Ellis. She's also gotten artist suggestions from Kris Youmens and Doug Kees. Madeline is looking into a grant that could cover artist fees for out of state, southern artist. Jaami and Madeline will discuss scheduling performance time for artists over that weekend.

Peach State Opera Update: 2/14/26

Madeline has a signed contract for \$7,800.00. The opera being performed is Hansel and Gretel. Will look into if Pedro needs local dancers/choir members. Will need piano rental and tech.

Wadsworth Concert Budget Updates & Additional Funding: 3/7/26

List of potential artists was provided with their estimated costs. Terry Lowry is a Steinway artist so there's a possibility of getting a piano at a discount for the concert. Need to look into sponsorships. **Motion:** (Nora Ann Wood) "I move to allocated up to \$12,000.00 of the NCAC reserve fund toward the Wadsworth Tribute Concert." **Second.** (Mak Strickland). Adopted. It is the Commissions intention to replenish the reserve funds

through sponsorships and ticket sales. Madeline will set up a document of who members can reach out to for sponsorships and sponsorship levels. Look into old Patrons of the Wadsworth list for possible sponsors.

New Business:

NCAC 2026/2027 Season Proposal:

Madeline will update the proposal form on the city website. Proposal deadline is 9/30/2025. NCAC will have a special proposal meeting on October 15th from 11am – 1pm at the Newnan Firehouse Conference Room. Look into having QR codes to scan at next Jazz in the Park to link directly to proposal form for the public.

Fall 2025 Children’s Show:

Madeline has reached out to some of her connections regarding a possible show to be performed in the fall to fill the gap in the season. Madeline will bring dates/pricing for show possibilities to the September meeting.

Winter/Spring Season Package Deal:

Possibility of doing a bundle for the 3 remaining events: Songwriters Festival, Peach State Opera and Wadsworth Tribute Concert. **Motion:** (Gabby White) “I move have a winter 2025/2026 season ticket bundle to cost \$75.00 to be purchased in person at the Wadsworth or on Eventbrite with fees covered by Purchaser.”

Second. (Mak Strickland). Adopted.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:28p.m.

Next regular meeting: September 3, 2025, Newnan City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, noon – 1p.m.

Gabby White
Secretary, 2025