

NCAC Meeting
December 3, 2025
Newnan City Hall

The December 3, 2025 meeting of the Newnan Cultural Arts Commission (NCAC) met at the City of Newnan, Council Chambers, with Chair Jaami Rutledge presiding. The meeting began at to order at 12:04 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

James Shepherd, Mayor Elect

The chair welcomed the attendees. The minutes of the November 5, 2025 meeting were approved with two corrections and will be filed.

Vice Chair Report: No report

Chair Report: Finance Report. Currently operating out of our reserve account. Giving Tuesday was yesterday and Madeline has been great about promoting on socials. Jaami sent out a draft email of an example of how to ask for donors/sponsors. Jaami prepared a Memo for the commission members to sign showing all the great events we hope to accomplish next season with the proposed budget. Brent will deliver to Assistant City Manager, Hasco Craver, to distribute to council members.

Continuing Business:

Newnan Songwriters Festival: 1/30/26 - 1/31/26

Posters are ready at Leisure Services office to be picked up and distributed around the community. Tickets are \$40 for access to all concerts on both days. Kevin Kinney's deposit has been paid. 6 tickets have already been sold. Will need volunteers to serve as "venue manager" to liaison/mc for musical artists. Madeline had met with a couple of the venues regarding specific artists and to preview the space. Madeline will send out her spreadsheet of venues/schedule. Subcommittee will meet December 19th at 8:30am at the Leisure Services Office to work on picking artists and slotting them at locations/times.

Peach State Opera: 2/14/26

Tickets are \$15. More Music Foundation is grateful for our willingness to share proceeds from Wadsworth art piece and wants to be involved in our calendar as well. They are promoting a community day on 2/14 and buying tickets for the board and kids to be able to attend. Gabby will help Madeline as subcommittee. Madeline reaching out to former commission member, Joe Arnotti to also help. Subcommittee will meet December 17th at 10:00am at the Leisure Services Office.

Wadsworth Tribute Concert: 3/7/26

Jaami has coordinated with Rebecca (Charle's daughter) for \$1,000.00 to be used for travel/lodging and asked that we're able to reimburse her before the end of the year. Madeline is collecting contracts as they come in. Will reach out to the remaining two needed.

2026/2027 Season Updates:

Jazz in the Park 2026 Season. There are several artists to pick through. Subcommittee with Mak Strickland, Nora Ann Wood and Bob McKoon will work with Madeline to select artists. Subcommittee will meet January 5, 2026 at 1:00pm at the Leisure Services Office.

New Business:

GA Presenters Fall Meeting "Fundraising 101" Presentation

Madeline shared the presentation and some highlights on fundraising and getting donations that she learned from this meeting. Will email out the presentation also.

Rack cards with sponsorship info and highlighting our 3 remaining events were distributed to commission to get out in the community.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:06p.m.

Next regular meeting: January 7, 2025, Newnan City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, noon – 1p.m.

Gabby White
Secretary, 2025