

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
September 15, 2025**

President Tinaglia called the meeting to order at 7:16 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Tinaglia; Trustees Bertucci, Dunnington, LaBedz, Manganaro, Santa Maria, Schwingbeck and Zyck

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Shirley

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Randy Recklaus; Deputy Village Manager Diana Mikula

OTHERS PRESENT: Sara Altieri

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes from August 11, 2025

Trustees Santa Maria and Zyck passed.

Trustee LaBedz moved to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes from the meeting on August 11, 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bertucci.

6 Ayes

0 Nays

2 Abstained (Santa Maria, Zyck)

The motion passed.

B. Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes from August 18, 2025

Trustee Santa Maria passed.

Trustee Schwingbeck moved to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes from the meeting on August 18, 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Zyck.

7 Ayes

0 Nays

1 Abstained (Santa Maria)

The motion passed.

C. Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes from August 25, 2025

Trustee Manganaro moved to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes from the meeting on August 25, 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaBedz.

8 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Interview of Sara Altieri for appointment to the Arts Commission, term ending April 30, 2028

Mayor Tinaglia introduced Sara Altieri and explained that she is more than qualified, in every way, to be on the Arts Commission.

Sara says she was born an artist. In the past, she has worked in Marketing and Graphic Design. Though born in Illinois, she spent 2017-2025 in Phoenix, Arizona where she became a muralist and found her mission: to create beautiful art to connect communities. Public art in Phoenix is robust and vibrant, and she would like to grow the public art scene here in Arlington Heights. In Phoenix, Sara saw public art bring communities together and she would like to see that happen in Arlington Heights. Sara has attended a couple of Arts Commission meetings and is excited to help her community.

Mayor Tinaglia expressed his excitement to have Sara join the Arts Commission. He explained how impressed he is with her portfolio and mentioned that Trustee Dunnington recommended Sara for the Arts Commission.

Trustee Dunnington explained that Sara's experience is exactly what the Arts Commission needs and stated that Sara will add a lot of value to the Arts Commission.

Trustee LaBedz commented that as she reviewed Sara's portfolio, she was impressed with Sara's work. While Trustee LaBedz likes Sara's big, bold colors, Trustee LaBedz explained that it is important to recognize the history of Arlington Heights and the big, bold colors might not be a good fit in the downtown Arlington Heights area. Sara commented that those considerations are part of the proposal process. Color schemes are always open for discussion and they need to fit the environment. Sara has a mural project in Arlington Heights in October and those big, bold colors were requested and are appropriate for the space.

Trustee Schwingbeck said that when he saw Sara's portfolio, he immediately thought of the time he spent in Tucson, Arizona. In Tucson there are murals all over the town and there are entrepreneurs who do bike tours of the murals. Sara said she is hoping for that here.

Trustees thanked Sara Altieri for her willingness to serve on the Arts Commission.

Trustee Dunnington moved, seconded by Trustee Schwingbeck to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Sara Altieri to the Arts Commission, term ending April 30, 2028.

The following voice vote was recorded:

8 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS - none

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee LaBedz moved, seconded by Trustee Bertucci to adjourn.
The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.