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Agenda One Hundred Seventieth Meeting of Mass Cultural Council Thursday, August 27, 2026

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Broadcast Meeting

The meeting will be livestreamed on
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"August 27, 2026, Council Meeting"
on Mass Cultural Council's website.

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Agenda Items

- 1. Call to Order – Open Meeting Law Notice**
- 2. Guest Speaker: 3rd Eye Youth Empowerment**
- 3. Minutes** **Vote**
 - 3a. Minutes of the 169th Meeting of Mass Cultural Council – May 19, 2026
- 4. Chair's Report**
 - 4a. Update: Executive Director Search
- 5. Acting Executive Director's Report**
 - 5a. Advancement Report
 - 5(a)(i). FY27 Advancement Spending
 - 5b. Equity Progress Report

6. Public Affairs Report

- 6a. Legislative Update
- 6b. Department Updates

7. FY27 Spending Plan Presentation

8. Program Operations Report

- 8a. Department Updates
- 8b. Programs Committee Report

9. Conflict of Interest Notifications

FY27 Grant and Program Recommendations

10. Partnership & Service Grants

- 10a. Mass Humanities
- 10b. New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA)
- 10c. MASSCreative
- 10d. Massachusetts Poet Laureate
- 10e. Legislative Mandates (Appendix A)

11. Organizations

- 11a. Unrestricted Operating Support for Organizations (Appendix B & Appendix C)

12. Communities

- 12a. Cultural District Investment Grants (Appendix D)
- 12b. Local Cultural Councils (Appendix E)
- 12c. Tribal Cultural Councils

13. Arts Education & Youth

- 13a. YouthReach (Appendix F and G)
- 13b. Creative Youth Development and Education Grants

14. Equity and Inclusion

- 14a. Creative Experiences (Appendix H)
- 14b. UP Innovation Fund Grants (Appendix I)
- 14c. Equity, Inclusion, and Access Grants

15. Business Operations Report

- 15a. FY27 Budget Spending Plan Summary
- 15b. Executive Committee Recommendation on Spending Plan
- 15c. Approval of FY27 Spending Plan and Grant Recommendations **Vote**

16. Adjourn