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**ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIXTH MEETING
OF MASS CULTURAL COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025
9:00-11:00 AM**

BROADCAST MEETING

MEETING WILL BE LIVESTREAMED AT

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/LIVE/L9YDDT_4SZM](https://www.youtube.com/live/L9YDDT_4SZM)

MEETING MATERIALS WILL BE POSTED ONLINE AT

[HTTPS://MASSCULTURALCOUNCIL.ORG/ABOUT/BOARD/](https://massculturalcouncil.org/about/board/)

UNDER "AUGUST 19, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING"

AGENDA

VOTE

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1. Call to Order- Open Meeting Law Notice
 2. Guest Speaker – Dr. Ben Shields and Jenny Larios Berlin, MIT Sloan School of Management regarding arts & entrepreneurship curriculum.
 3. Minutes of 165th Council Meeting & Special April 22, 2025 Meeting X
 4. **Chair Report**
 - a) Welcome new Council Member
 - b) Calendar of Upcoming meetings
 - c) Committees

5. ***Executive Office Report***

- a) Executive Director Report
- b) Advancement Update
- c) Equity Progress Report

6. ***Public Affairs Report***

- a) Legislative Update
- b) Department Updates

7. ***FY 26 Spending Plan General Presentation***

- a) PowerPoint Presentation on FY26 Spending Plan

8. ***FY26 Conflict of Interest Notifications***

9. ***Program Operations Report***

- a) Department Updates
- b) FY 26 Grant Recommendations

c) **PROGRAMS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ON GRANT PROPOSALS**

d) Advancement

- i. Mass Humanities
- ii. New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA)
- iii. MASSCreative
- iv. MassPort Artist Program
- v. Arts Benefit Programs
- vi. National Endowment for the Arts-Arts & Health
- vii. MIT Sloan School of Management

e) Organizations

- i. Unrestricted Operating Support for Organizations
(Appendix A & Appendix B)

f) Communities

- i. Cultural District Investment Grants
- ii. Local Cultural Councils
- iii. Tribal Cultural Councils

g) Arts Education & Youth

- i. YouthReach

- ii. Creative Youth Development and Education Grants
 - h) Equity and Inclusion
 - i. Creative Experiences
 - ii. UP Innovation Fund Grants
 - iii. Equity, Inclusion, and Access Grants
10. ***Business Operations Report***
- a) FY 26 Spending Plan Summary
 - b) **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON SPENDING PLAN**
 - c) Approval of FY26 Budget and Spending Plan and Grant Recommendations **X**
 - d) Other Business Operations Updates
11. Adjourn