

No. 2021-25
ORDINANCE

*An Ordinance Luzerne County Council Establishing the
Luzerne County Arts Advisory Board*

WHEREAS, Article VIII of the Charter requires that any new board or commission established by County Council shall be by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Authorities, Boards and Commissions Committee of the Luzerne County Council proposed the creation of the Luzerne County Arts Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, County Council wishes to create a Luzerne County Arts Advisory Board.

THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF LUZERNE HEREBY ENACTS THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION ONE. Name.

The name of this organization shall be the Luzerne County Arts Advisory Board.

SECTION TWO. Purpose.

While conforming to the Home Rule Charter and the Administrative Code of Luzerne County, specifically Section 2.10 of the Administrative Code, the purpose of the Luzerne County Arts Advisory Board shall be to advise, encourage, stimulate, and pursue the advancement of the arts across Luzerne County.

The Board, with the County Manager's approval, may identify and publicize relevant information about activities and projects and initiatives for public access. The Board also may provide opinions and recommendations to Luzerne County and to municipal governments in terms of grant opportunities and project selection and help discern and recommend project priorities related to the arts.

SECTION THREE. Board Composition.

The Luzerne County Arts Advisory Board shall be comprised of between five (5) and seven (7) citizen members that are current residents of Luzerne County to be appointed by the County Council. The term of office of each member shall be four (4) years, with staggered appointments. The initial appointments of members, to create the staggered appointments, will be a one (1) year term for one (1) member, a two (2) year term for one (1) member, a three (3) year term for two (2) members, and a four (4) year term for (1) member. In the case of a larger board, the additional initial appointments shall be for an additional two (2) year term and four (4) year term respectively. Members may be reappointed for additional terms of office.

The Members of the Advisory Board will be seated in accordance with the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter and the Administrative Code.

SECTION FOUR. Board Meetings.

Meetings of the Luzerne County Arts Advisory Board shall be held on a quarterly basis, at a minimum. At least one Advisory Board meeting will be held after 6 PM each year. All Board meetings shall be advertised prior to and minutes of the meeting shall be kept and sent to the Office of the Clerk of Council for posting to the County webpage, after the minutes have been approved by the Board.

SECTION FIVE. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect on the fifteenth (15th) day following its enactment.

Enacted and Ordained by County Council this 28th day of September, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE (8-3)

YES: Houck, McDermott, McGinley, Perry, Radle, Saidman, Schnee and Vough

NO: Griffith, Haas and SJ Urban

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: 
Tim McGinley, Chair

Attest: 
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

By: 
Chris Perry, Vice-Chair