



Commissioner Nick Fish
City of Portland

Date: April 23, 2015

To: Mayor Charlie Hales
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Steve Novick
Commissioner Dan Saltzman
Auditor Mary Hull Caballero

From: Commissioner Nick Fish

RE: Accept 2015 Arts Oversight Committee Report on the Arts Education & Access Fund (Report).

In 2012, Portland voters approved the Arts Education & Access fund income tax. Portland City Council appointed an independent citizen body, the Arts Oversight Committee (AOC), to oversee the implementation of the tax.

Tax revenue has helped restore arts and music teachers in our public schools, support arts organizations in our community, and fund grants that expand access to the arts.

On April 29, the AOC will present their second annual report. The report analyzes the \$7.6 million from Tax Year 2013 that has been distributed to our seven Portland-area public school districts and the Regional Arts & Culture Council, and outlines a number of thoughtful recommendations for improving oversight going forward.

The AOC, chaired by Stan Penkin, has done outstanding work – I know Council will join me in thanking them for their commitment to transparency and strong oversight. I look forward to working with the AOC, our public school districts, RACC, and the Council to follow up on the report's recommendations.

I recommend that the City Council accept this Report on April 29, 2015.

Sincerely,

Nick Fish

Agenda No.
REPORT
Title

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<p style="text-align: center;">INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Nick Fish</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>APR 24 2015</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales</p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish </p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Novick</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: _____ Deputy</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU APPROVAL</p> <p>Bureau: Commissioner Fish's Office Bureau Head: Nick Fish</p>	<p>ACTION TAKEN:</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">APR 29 2015 ACCEPTED</p>
<p>Prepared by: Jennifer Kalez Date Prepared: 4/23/15</p>	
<p>Impact Statement</p> <p>Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances</p>	
<p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan</p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date 4/29/15</p>	

AGENDA

TIME CERTAIN
Start time: **2:00pm**

Total amount of time needed: 60 min
(for presentation, testimony and discussion)

CONSENT

REGULAR
Total amount of time needed: _____
(for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	✓
4. Novick	4. Novick	
Hales	Hales	✓