

**ARTS COMMISSION  
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025, 5:00 PM  
CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Arts Commission was called to order at 5:17 pm on Monday, April 14, 2025, by Chair Carl Duncan, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The meeting was held in-person and virtually.

**2. MEMBERS PRESENT**

Commissioner Carl Duncan, Chair  
Commissioner Anne Wrinkle  
Commissioner Raashan Ahmad  
Commissioner Robyne Robinson  
Commissioner Winoka Yepa

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Commissioner Paul Hultin  
Commissioner Marcia Mikulak

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Chelsey Johnson, Director, Arts and Culture Department  
Sharla Russell, Deputy Director, Arts and Culture Department  
Melissa Velasquez, Arts Services Coordinator, Arts and Culture Department

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Robinson, seconded by Commissioner Ahmad, to approve the agenda as presented.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Wrinkle, yes; Commissioner Yepa, yes; Commissioner Ahmad, yes; Commissioner Robinson, yes; Chair Duncan, yes.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF MARCH 10, 2025 ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Wrinkle, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, to approve the minutes as presented.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

.Commissioner Wrinkle, yes; Commissioner Yepa, yes; Commissioner Ahmad, yes; Commissioner Robinson, yes; Chair Duncan, yes.

**b. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 10, 2025 ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUETS**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Ahmad, seconded by Commissioner Wrinkle, to approve the minutes as presented.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

.Commissioner Wrinkle, yes; Commissioner Yepa, yes; Commissioner Ahmad, yes; Commissioner Robinson, yes; Chair Duncan, yes.

**5. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS: DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**a. UPDATE ON NEW ARTS COMMISSIONERS**

Chair Duncan said we submitted our top names to the Mayor's Office. They will be presented at the upcoming Governing Body for approval.

**b. ONBOARDING PROCESS FOR NEW COMMISSIONERS**

Chair Duncan said he sent an email to Ann and Chelsey regarding feedback he received on the process. The process will be updated.

There was discussion around having an onboarding event on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

**c. DISCUSSION OF MAYOR'S ARTS AWARDS REGARDING WORKING GROUPS FOR NOMINATIONS AND EVALUATION**

Ms. Johnson said we need a working group for this event. The nominations are due on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commission Wrinkle said she is willing to stay on the working group to help.

**8. ACTION ITEMS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

None.

**9. MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR**

None.

**10. MATTERS FROM STAFF**

**a. GENERAL ARTS & CULTURE DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Ms. Johnson said we had a great two -day online convention with other arts agencies around the State. It was great to hear what others are doing. The Friends of Architecture event sold out. It was based on the future of Santa Fe Style. They will be doing a workshop and exhibition in the gallery on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Our gallery opening last week with the work from Santa Fe Public School youth went well. We have opened the Art is the Solution applications and the Mayor's Arts Awards opened. All the instruments at Midtown have found homes in the schools. She is coordinating with Aspect on any other items left. A selection has been made to do the feasibility plan for Garson Studios. We are working with the Office of Economic Development's Creative Industries program. Ahmad is part of that. It is about to launch. We will keep you updated. We were able to transfer our FY24 Lodgers Tax and have asked, in our budget, to add a staff member. The new staff member would be an Administrative Manager. Things could still change.

**b. UNESCO 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY INITIATIVES AND OUTREACH**

Ms. Russell reported that they will be issuing a call soon for a mural to be done on the outside of the airport and for three pieces of public art to be placed. We have one spot left, which will be for a UNESCO sculpture. We are also going to do some artificial greens around the outside seating area. An RFP has been issued for the management of a gift shop at the airport. We added language to the RFP to include local artist merchandise.

Ms. Russell said we are going to be holding public input opportunities with artists to re-energize our UNESCO interest after the successful kick-off. The first one is on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Southside Library. We are working on a fundraising plan to bring artists to our City. We will be having a Creative Encounter Event in October. We are also

working on our booth opportunity for IFAM and are trying to get 3 to 4 artists to participate who have enough product for the booth.

**c. REMINDER OF UPCOMING DEADLINES AND DATES**

Ms. Johnson reminded the Commission that nominations for the Mayor's Arts Awards are due on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The closing of the Art is the Solution applications is June 5<sup>th</sup>. Impact Grants judging will be coming up.

**11. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

**a. COMMUNITY UPDATES: RELEVANT AND TIMELY ARTS-RELATED EVENTS AND ISSUES OF NOTE**

None.

**12. NEXT MEETING: MAY 12, 2025 AT 5:00 PM, NAMBE ROOM**

**13. ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

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Carl Duncan, Chair

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Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer