

**ARTS COMMISSION  
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025, 5:00 PM  
SANTA FE COMMUNITY CONVENTION CENTER  
CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Arts Commission was called to order at 5:15 pm on Monday, June 9, 2025, by Chair Carl Duncan, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The meeting was held in-person and virtually.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Commissioner Carl Duncan, Chair  
Commissioner Winoka Yepa  
Commissioner Marcia Mikulak  
Commissioner Herman Gomez Chavez  
Commissioner Mayrah Udvardi  
Commissioner Erin DeRosa  
Commissioner Karina Hean

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Commissioner Robyne Robinson  
Commissioner Heidi Brandow

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Chelsey Johnson, Director, Arts and Culture Department  
Melissa Velasquez, Arts Services Coordinator, Arts and Culture Department  
Maggie Moore, Land Use Department

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The approval of the minutes was postponed to the next meeting.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Mikulak, seconded by Commissioner DeRosa, to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Commissioner Yepa, yes; Commissioner Mikulak, yes; Commissioner Gomez Chavez, yes; Commissioner Udvardi, yes; Commissioner DeRosa, yes; Commissioner

Hean, yes; Chair Duncan, yes.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF MAY 12, 2025 ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

This item was postponed.

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. LAND USE DIRECTOR HEATHER LAMBOY REGARDING SANTA FE FORWARD**

Ms. Moore gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding Santa Fe Forward, the City of Santa Fe General Plan Update. The presentation including the purpose, needs, benefits, work plan, public engagement and the Assessment Report outline. The timeline is 18 months to two years.

There was discussion about data collection and demographics and the 1999 plan.

Ms. Moore said she will come back and update the Commission on the progress of the plan. You can visit our website to make comments if you would like to.

Ms. Johnson said this is a huge undertaking. She is excited to see the progress moving forward.

**6. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS: DISCUSSION ONLY**

**A. DISCUSSION REGARDING WORKING GROUP UPDATES AND ASSIGNMENTS**

Chair Duncan reviewed the working groups, membership and designated Chairs

Chair Duncan said the Chairs of the groups will coordinate future meetings with staff, who will notify members of the meetings.

Ms. Johnson said we do not have a designated Chair of the Mayor's Arts Awards working group. She will lead the charge for that group.

Chair Duncan said he would like to join the UNESCO working group. Commissioner Udvardi said she would like to join the Grants, Funding and Outreach working group.

**B. DISCUSSION REGARDING ARTS COMMISSION INITIATIVES, CURRENT AND POTENTIAL**

Chair Duncan said he wanted to be sure we don't overlook that we have the opportunity to bring up other things going on in the community and issues to address. Issues and discussions can happen in the working groups on items other than those assigned. The Chairs will report discussions to the Commission and we can also discuss or act on items. We get busy with the awards and grants. There is a place for all of our input in other areas as well.

**C. DISCUSSION REGARDING ART IS THE SOLUTION EVALUATION PROCESS**

Commissioner Yepa gave an overview of the Arts is the Solution process and said you should have received an email from Sage with the processes and forms. This is a program created by the Commission and awards are decided upon by the Commission.

Commissioner Yepa reviewed the evaluation process.

Commissioner Yepa said we are proposing an addition to the process where we would interview the top ranking applicants prior to deciding the awards.

Ms. Johnson said we have five grants of \$10,000 each to award.

Commissioner Yepa said the working group will draft interview questions and the call.

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

**A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ARTS COMMISSION MEETING LOCATION AND TIME**

There was a discussion about meeting on Mondays or Wednesdays and changing the time for the meetings to 5:30 pm.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Udvardi, seconded by Commissioner Mikulak, to meet on Mondays, at 5:30 pm, in the Gallery.

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

Commissioner Yepa, yes; Commissioner Mikulak, yes; Commissioner Gomez Chavez, yes; Commissioner Udvardi, yes; Commissioner DeRosa, yes; Commissioner Hean, yes; Chair Duncan, yes.

**9.       MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR**

None.

**10.      MATTERS FROM STAFF**

**A.       DISCUSSION OF GENERAL ARTS AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Ms. Johnson gave updates on the Creative Hub Project with Economic Development to build a strong creative structure in Santa Fe. We have been working with a group of artists and are having convenings of artists, teachers, people from large and small organizations and others. We are sharing resources and information. We are meeting once a month on Zoom and will meet quarterly in person. She will send out the meeting dates and encourages the Commissioners to attend.

Ms. Johnson said one of our sculptures is going in at the Airport in July and the mural at the southside library is going up early in July. We will be sending out calls for more Airport art as well.

Ms. Johnson reviewed the upcoming sponsorships by the Arts and Cultural Department and stated that they are interested in mural opportunities in the future.

**B.       DISCUSSION REGARDING UNESCO 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY INITIATIVES AND OUTREACH**

Ms. Johnson reported that they are really in need of a nonprofit to help us with UNESCO fundraising funds. They would accept the funds raised and administer them. She is working on that. For the first time, we will have a booth at IFAM featuring New Mexico artists this year.

**C.       DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING DEADLINES AND DATES**

Ms. Johnson gave the following deadline reminders:

- June 30<sup>th</sup> is the end of our Fiscal Year
- Art is the Solution scores are due on June 30<sup>th</sup>

- June 30<sup>th</sup> is the due date for two calls for group shows at the Gallery.
- July 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for submissions for the UNESCO-themed craft and folk art show

There was discussion about the ability of Commissioners to submit their work for shows and a policy regarding that.

Commissioner Gomez Chavez asked how we can make sure we get artists involved who have been overlooked.

Ms. Johnson reviewed sponsorships and funding opportunities.

There was discussion.

## **11. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

### **A. DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMUNITY UPDATES: RELEVANT AND TIMELY ARTS RELATED EVENTS AND ISSUES OF NOTE**

Members of the Commission shared event updates and issues.

## **12. NEXT MEETING**

**Monday, July 14, 2025, 5:30 pm at the Community Gallery.**

## **13. ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

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Carl Duncan, Chair

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Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

