

**FILM AND DIGITAL MEDIA COUNCIL
OCTOBER 7, 2025 10:00 AM
MEETING VIRTUALLY**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Film and Digital Media Council was called to order by Chair Dillingham, at 10:02 am, on October 7, 2025 and was held virtually.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gay Dillingham, Chair
Anna Darrah
Robert Dennis
Dr. James Wysong
Dr. Elizabeth Stahmer
Jacqueline Frank
Jaydin Martinez
Dezbaa
Dyanna Taylor, arrived later in the meeting.
Alessandra Dobrin
Tara Tovarek
Harvey Kahn
(1 vacancy)
Alternate Members:
 Lisette Bailey
 Talia Pura
 Max Walukas
 Barbara Bintree

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Jason Ordaz, excused
Mark Glaser, excused
Sienna Bergt
James Cressanthis

OTHERS PRESENT

Johanna Nelson, Director, Economic Development Department
Casey Dalbor, Economic Development Department
Jennifer LaBar-Tapia, Santa Fe Film Office Director

Andrew Griego, Santa Fe Film Office
Jenny Natelson, Founder, 7K Studios
Warren Langford, Executive Producer, 505OMATIC
Katy Gross, 505OMATIC
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Ms. Darrah, seconded by Dr. Stahmer, to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Ms. Darrah, yes; Mr. Dennis, yes; Dr. Wysong, yes; Dr. Stahmer, yes; Ms. Frank, yes; Mr. Martinez, yes; Dezbaa, yes; Mr. Kahn, yes; Ms. Dobrin, yes; Ms. Tovarek, yes; Ms. Bintree, yes; Ms. Bailey, yes; Ms. Pura, yes; Mr. Walukas, yes; Chair Dillingham, yes.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 2 , 2025, FILM AND DIGITAL MEDIA COUNCIL MEETING

Chair Dillingham noted that at the top of page 3 it should say directory.

MOTION A motion was made by Ms. Darrah, seconded by Ms. Frank, to approve the minutes as amended.

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

Ms. Darrah, yes; Mr. Dennis, yes; Dr. Wysong, yes; Dr. Stahmer, yes; Ms. Frank, yes; Mr. Martinez, yes; Dezbaa, yes; Mr. Kahn, yes; Ms. Dobrin, yes; Ms. Tovarek, yes; Ms. Bintree, yes; Ms. Bailey, yes; Ms. Pura, yes; Mr. Walukas, yes; Chair Dillingham, yes.

5. UPDATES

A. SANTA FE FILM OFFICE

Ms. LaBar-Tapia reported that yesterday was the inaugural LA flight, so it is in effect. It is great for film and all of New Mexico. We have had scouts coming in for an independent production and a large production. Ransom Canyon is ramping up and Dark Winds is running on Netflix through 2027. She attended the AFCI conference a few weeks ago. The Lost Bus has dropped. It is a true story and is high action. It is on

Apple and was filmed in Santa Fe.

Ms. LaBar-Tapia continued, saying she is working with Las Vegas and Taos to assist them in permitting efforts. The City Backlot is completed and the International Film Festival is ramping up.

Chair Dillingham said when she attended the celebration for the LA flight, she also toured a hanger operation called Studio Wings. It is a stunt, ariel work operation. She watched The Lost Bus and it was very sobering.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. REEL SCOUT DIRECTORY

Ms. LaBar-Tapia said we are two weeks out from completing the directory. We will give you a tutorial presentation for navigating the system at the next meeting. It will be a great asset.

B. 7K STUDIOS UPDATE

Ms. Natelson gave a PowerPoint presentation on 7K Studios saying they purchased an old Catholic school in Taos and got a permit approved for a production facility. The presentation included photos of the facility, an overview of the studio - including classrooms, on-site amenities, work space daily rentals and a dark room. Also included was a hotel proposal for the last phase.

There was discussion regarding costs and financing.

Ms. Tovarek said this looks really great.

Ms. Darrah said she is so happy to see where it is going.

Chair Dillingham asked Ms. Natelson to keep the Council posted.

C. 5050MATIC

Mr. Langford gave a PowerPoint presentation describing the digital first news organization in Santa Fe, saying it is a model of re-imaging journalism. We are publishing stories on digital platforms and through conversation events at Jean Cocteau called the "Living Room". We have 9,000 followers and over 600,000 views of content. We are inviting you to help us build this community engagement and informative effort.

Dezbaa said she really appreciates the number of people from different walks of life who are participating. Everyone is welcome. We all inspire and support each other

and facilitate discussions. It is a use of social media in a good way.

Mr. Martinez said thank you so much for your presentation. You are doing an amazing job of informing the community.

Ms. Gross said we want to raise \$300,000. We are operating as an LLC now and are applying for grants, donations and advertising sponsorships.

Chair Dillingham asked what is your commitment to fact checking.

Mr. Langford said we are committed to rigorous fact checking and truthfulness, but are not committed to be objective.

Ms. Gross said we would love to engage with young filmmakers.

Chair Dillingham said thank you for your presentation. Join us anytime.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. STRATEGIC PLAN WORKING GROUP UPDATES

ABOVE THE LINE

Ms. Darrah said we had a meeting to talk about our event to be held on October 24th from 10:00 am to 12 noon. It will be at Aspect Studios and will be about post production. Vince Rose is hosting us. We will also be holding a fun bingo night for above the line folks on November 9th from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Casey will send out the invites.

Mr. Dalbor said he will be sending out invitations to the events by email blast to the entire OED list.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Chair Dillingham said she and Mr. Dennis have scheduled a meeting with the Governor's Council to get an update on the Film Loan Fund. The Creative Industries Grant has come out. Grants can be up to \$62,000. Films to be made are not included. Casey will put a link in the chat. Funds could be used to support film.

Chair Dillingham said we are scheduling a Government Affairs meeting to take a deep dive into the Financial Landscape Map to determine what we need to do. We will report back at the next meeting of the Council. Right now, what we are looking at is very odious. We would like film and media to get access to a good chunk of money for start ups. We would also like to do a Santa Fe version of Sundance.

8. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

A. MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Dillingham said she had spoken previously.

9. MATTERS FROM STAFF

Mr. Dalbor reported that they hired a new Downtown Coordinator last month who will be focusing on the downtown corridor. He sent Ms. Nelson's report to everyone.

Mr. Dalbor spoke about upcoming events.

Ms. Bailey gave an overview of the upcoming International Film Festival.

10. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jen Rubin. Ms. Rubin said on October 30th, there will be a screening of Frankenweenie at CCA.

Aaron Jones. Mr. Jones thanked everyone for having these meetings. It is great to connect with the community and the industry. He will post his contact information in the chat.

Dezbaa. Dezbaa said she met Ms. Rubin and had lots of discussion about screen writing.

Dyanna Taylor. Ms. Taylor said she has a short film in the Film Festival called "Extinguished Lives". It will be shown on Friday at 10:00 am at the O' Keefe Theater on Museum Hill.

Sean Montoya. Mr. Montoya said he is an intern at Stagecoach and is happy to be part of this meeting. He worked on a music video this summer. He spoke about the project and will put a link in the chat to the information.

11. NEXT MEETING

A. NOVEMBER 4, 2025

12. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 pm.

Gay Dillingham, Chair

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer