

**ARTS COMMISSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025, 5:30 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 5:30 pm on Monday, October 20, 2025, by Chair Karl Duncan, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The meeting was held in-person and virtually.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Karl Duncan, Chair
Commissioner Marcia Mikulak
Commissioner Robyne Robinson
Commissioner Herman Gomez Chavez
Commissioner Mayrah Udvardi
Commissioner Karina Hean

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Heidi Brandow
Commissioner Winoka Yepa, excused
Commissioner Erin DeRosa, excused

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Chair Duncan said he appreciates everything Commissioner Mikulak has done for the arts and the Commission. Her experience is welcomed and appreciated. She is an asset to the Commission and to the community. We are going to miss her. Thank you Commissioner Mikulak and best wishes to you. We appreciate you.

Ms. Johnson said Marcia, you have put so much work into this Commission. Your passion for the work is wonderful to see and is appreciated.

Ms. Johnson presented Commissioner Mikulak with a gift for her service to the community and the Commission.

Commissioner Mikulak said thank you. She wishes you all the best.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez Chavez, seconded by Commissioner Hean, to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Commissioner Robinson, yes; Commissioner Gomez Chavez, yes;
Commissioner Udvardi, yes; Commissioner Hean, yes; Chair Duncan, yes.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

This item was postponed.

5. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Russell said we are going to hear from Heidi McKinnon under this item so that she can leave the meeting for another engagement.

Ms. McKinnon shared her screen and gave an update on UNESCO activities.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS: DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. DISCUSSION REGARDING WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Ms. Johnson said the Art in Public Places working group has met since our last meeting.

Commissioner Udvardi said we had a great meeting. We heard a proposal from a landscape architect, who is on contract, to design the southwest quadrant of Agua Fria and San Francisco. We identified an opportunity for public art in the area. The next step is for the Arts and Culture Department team to work with them on the selection of the design.

Ms. Johnson said we will work with the Art Commissioners on an RFP for the public art installation. She would like to think about the placement of public art on a case-by-case basis so maybe the entire Commission can have a part in the process. There are four locations for median installations that Parks wants to work on with us, and other opportunities.

B. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED REVISIONS TO TRADITIONAL MARKETING IMPACT AND COLLABORATIVE IMPACT FUNDING FOR FY27.

Ms. Johnson shared her screen with a presentation regarding proposed revisions to the traditional marketing impact and collaborative impact funding for FY27. The presentation included the history of the funding, the process and proposed changes.

There was discussion regarding categories of funding, separating the collaborative impact funding from the TMI funding in a separate call, final reports, review metrics, data collection and grant amounts.

Ms. Johnson thanked the Commission for their feedback.

C. DISCUSSION REGARDING MURAL POLICIES AND PROPOSALS

Ms. Johnson said she sent the Commissioners a series of questions regarding the issues around murals. She would like their input and thoughts.

There was discussion around mural time limits, digitization, criteria, measurable community benefit, the obligation of private entities, outreach to private owners, preserving art, restoration of something that is historically valuable and temporary versus permanent murals.

Ms. Johnson said we will continue this discussion for policy recommendations.

7. MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR

A. APPOINTMENT OF INCOMING ARTS COMMISSIONER APRIL CLEVELAND

This item was postponed.

8. MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. GENERAL ARTS AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Ms. Johnson said she will send an email to the Commissioners with the updates.

B. ARTS AND CULTURE BUDGET OVERVIEW AND FUNDING RULES

This item was postponed.

C. UNESCO CREATIVE ENCOUNTER WITH TAMBA-SASAYAMA

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This item was postponed.

9. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

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

This item was postponed.

10. NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 10, 2025 AT 5:30 PM, COMMUNITY GALLERY

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Karl Duncan, Chair

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer