

**FILM AND DIGITAL MEDIA COUNCIL
DECEMBER 2, 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 December 2, 2025 and was held virtually.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gay Dillingham, Chair
Anna Darrah
Robert Dennis
Jason Ordaz
Dyanna Taylor
Dr. Elizabeth Stahmer
Jacqueline Frank
Jaydin Martinez
Tara Tovarek
Dezbaa
Dr. James Wysong
Alessandra Dobrin
Sienna Bergt
(3 vacancies)
Alternate Members:
Liesette Bailey
Talia Pura
Barbara Bintree
James Cressanthis

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Max Walukas

OTHERS PRESENT

Casey Dalbor, Economic Development Department
Jennifer LaBar-Tapia, Santa Fe Film Office Director
Andrew Griego, Santa Fe Film Office
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

There were over 30 people who attended the meeting on Zoom.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Cressanthis, seconded by Ms. Taylor, to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Ms. Darrah, yes; Mr. Dennis, yes; Mr. Ordaz, yes; Dr. Stahmer, yes; Ms. Taylor, yes; Dr. Wysong, yes; Ms. Dobrin, yes; Ms. Bailey, yes; Ms. Pura, yes; Ms. Bintree, yes; Mr. Cressanthis, yes; Ms. Bergt, yes; Chair Dillingham, yes.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 4, 2025, FILM AND DIGITAL MEDIA COUNCIL MEETING

Ms. Baily said her first name is misspelled in the minutes. It is Liesette.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Pura, seconded by Ms. Bergt, to approve the minutes as amended.

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

Ms. Darrah, yes; Mr. Dennis, yes; Mr. Ordaz, yes; Dr. Stahmer, yes; Ms. Taylor, yes; Dr. Wysong, yes; Ms. Dobrin, yes; Dezbaa, yes; Ms. Bailey, yes; Ms. Pura, yes; Ms. Bintree, yes; Mr. Cressanthis, yes; Ms. Bergt, yes; Chair Dillingham, yes.

5. UPDATES

A. SANTA FE FILM OFFICE

Ms. LaBar-Tapia said the Location Directory went live last month. The feedback has been very good. Reach out to Andrew or to her if you have anything to add or want to be on the other list for the provision of service. We went to a ribbon cutting at Nichols Dam. There are two great bodies of water there. If anyone needs bodies of water for projects let us know. They are open to filming. We are going to attend the South by Southwest Film Festival and are looking at attending Sundance. We are working with Economic Development on the Go Local program campaign. We are doing Go Local, Go Film. The details will be on our website. We will be sending out an email to Council members that you can pick up your swag.

Chair Dillingham asked if the Santa Film Office has a year end report that she

can include with the Council report.

Ms. LaBar-Tapia said we just did an in person report in November. She is happy to provide stats to you for your report.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. INDY Q UPDATE

Ms. Darrah said Mr. Rogan is not here. She will contact him about rescheduling his presentation to the January meeting.

Ms. Darrah stated that Mr. Rogan is planning his next Indy Q in Santa Fe in January and they are planning to have one in Las Cruces as well. Film makers send in their short films or eight minute trailers of their movies, which are shown at the event. There is discussion and feedback given.

There was discussion about Indy Q and the opportunities.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. WORKING GROUP REPORTS & DISCUSSION OF YEAR-END REPORTS

Chair Dillingham said she sent the draft reports for each of the four working groups to the Council members last night. She would like each working group to review their reports and then have feedback. There may be a few edits made in the process.

ABOVE THE LINE WORKING GROUP

Ms. Darrah shared the screen and reviewed her report, including who they are, what they are doing, the needs of the community, our recommended action steps, Legislative requests and opportunities.

There was discussion about overlap and connections between working groups.

EDUCATION WORKING GROUP

Dr. Wysong, James Lujan and Dr. Stahmer reviewed the report of the working group.

Mr. Lujan reviewed the list of activities and work IAIA has done, partnerships, projects, internships, student film opportunities and upcoming plans.

Dr. Stahmer reviewed the activities and work of the Stagecoach Foundation, partnerships, classes and education opportunities and future plans.

Dr. Wysong reviewed the educational opportunities and work of the Santa Fe Community College, the backlot status, recommendations from the group, needs, and Legislative requests.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Mr. Dennis reviewed the working group report including the background of the work of the group, how we got here, activity that the City is undertaking to help us, State activity, issues, needs, competitive incentives, the Film Loan Fund, incentive financing and requests.

There was a discussion about AI.

POST PRODUCTION

Ms. Dobrin reviewed the working group report including the purpose of the group, the needs of the community, facility growth in the last year, internships and recommendations.

8. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

A. MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Dillingham thanked the working groups for all their hard work. She asked the working group chairs to make any necessary edits and send the final reports to her. She will formulate bullet points to present to the Council and the Mayor along with the full reports.

Chair Dillingham discussed the vacancies on the Council and her plans to meet with the new Mayor to talk about appointments. The Mayor also can appoint a new Chair in March.

9. MATTERS FROM STAFF

Mr. Dalbor reviewed upcoming events and stated that he sent the list of activities and events to Council members prior to the meeting.

10. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

JD Atkinson. Mr. Atkinson thanked everyone for being here and for the information and dialogue. He is a local set dresser and is available for work. He will

put his contact information in the chat.

Sean Montoya. Mr. Montoya said he appreciated being here for the discourse. Next spring he will be working on his capstone. It will be a student film. He is looking for crew.

Dezbaa. Dezbaa said she is doing a presentation at the Shiprock School on the Navajo Long Walk.

John Dean Alfone. Mr. Alfone spoke about South by Southwest.

Jen Rudin. Ms. Rudin said Jen Rudin Casting is here. She would love to work with all of you.

Talia Pura. Ms. Pura spoke about the ease of working with the Union and the benefits.

11. NEXT MEETING

A. JANUARY 6, 2026

12. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Gay Dillingham, Chair

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer