

**ARTS COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026, 5:30 PM
COMMUNITY GALLERY, SANTA FE COMMUNITY CONVENTION CENTER
201 WEST MARCY STREET, SANTA FE, NM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Arts Commission was called to order at 5:32 pm on Monday, January 12, 2026, by Chair Duncan, at the Community Gallery, Santa Fe Community Convention Center, 201 West Marcy Street, Santa Fe, NM.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Karl Duncan, Chair
Commissioner Mayrah Udvardi
Commissioner Karina Hean
Commissioner Erin De Rosa
Commissioner Hernan Gomez-Chavez
Commissioner Heidi Brandow
Commissioner April Cleveland

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Winoka Yepa, Vice Chair, excused
Commissioner Robyne Robinson, excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Chelsey Johnson, Arts and Culture Department Director
Rebecca Aubin, Gallery Manager
Melissa Velasquez, Administrative Manager

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Duncan stated that item 6 (B) will be postponed to the next meeting.

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner De Rosa, seconded by Commissioner Hean, to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Commissioner Udvardi, yes; Commissioner Hean, yes; Commissioner De Rosa,

yes; Commissioner Gomez-Chavez, yes; Commissioner Brandow, yes; Commissioner Cleveland, yes; Chair Duncan, yes.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL REGARDING DECEMBER 8, 2025 ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

5. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATIONS BY FY 25-26 ART IS THE SOLUTION RECIPIENTS

Ms. Johnson gave an overview of the Art Is The Solution program. The following recipients reported on their projects:

JC Gonzo - New Mexico Burial This project documents New Mexico cemeteries and their connection to history.

Kemely Gomez & Carol Schrader. This is a “table” project that includes a discussion of what it means to meet at a table, the experience and what takes place at a table.

Ron Mier This project is about Chimayo Weaving and includes implanted motifs of the region and the process used.

Ehren Kee Natay & Leanna McClure - Echoes In Mosaic”. This project reflects the creation of a mosaic mural.

Leanna. This project reflects workshops designed to develop voices and a sense of identity in the students.

Sabrina Saleha. This project is regarding profound loss and uplifting Native stories and building community.

B. PRESENTATION BY JP GRANILLO REGARDING CERRILLOS ROAD MURAL PROJECT

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS: DISCUSSION AGENDA

A. DISCUSSION REGARDING ARTS & CULTURE FY26 GOALS MIDYEAR UPDATE

Ms. Johnson shared a document with the Commission that included priorities and how it relates to the Arts and Culture Department goals.

There was discussion around the priorities and goals.

B. DISCUSSION REGARDING ARTS COMMISSION INITIATIVES AND GOALS.

Chair Duncan asked the Commissioners to share their thoughts and suggestions with him via email.

C. DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORUMS ON ARTS AND CULTURE, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON INCREASING ACCESS TO THE UNDER SERVED.

Ms. Johnson said she would like to send out a poll and come up with some suggestions for sites. We can also consider an academic calendar.

D. DISCUSSION REGARDING POTENTIAL SITE VISITS FOR COMMISSIONERS.

Ms. Johnson said this item was requested by Vice Chair Yepa. She was not able to be here today. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

8. ACTION ITEMS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT DEACCESSION POLICY FOR CITY-OWNED ARTWORKS

Chair Duncan asked if there was any discussion regarding the draft policy that was shared with the Commission.

Commissioner De Rosa asked if they are responsible for monitoring public complaints.

Commissioner Brandow said the obelisk is still unresolved.

Ms. Johnson said that will go to legal.

Ms. Johnson reviewed the draft policy.

There was discussion that included mural restoration, maintenance, expense, and the context of value.

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner De Rosa, seconded by Commissioner Hean, to approve the draft policy with the amendments discussed.

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

Commissioner Udvardi, yes; Commissioner Hean, yes; Commissioner De Rosa, yes; Commissioner Gomez-Chavez, abstained; Commissioner Brandow, yes; Commissioner Cleveland, yes; Chair Duncan, yes.

9. MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR

None.

10. MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. GENERAL ARTS AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Ms. Johnson gave an update on the department including that they are hiring for two positions - an Arts Services Coordinator and an Assistant Director.

B. GALLERY AND ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATE

Ms. Aubin reported that the Gallery has an opening on Thursday. There are 20 artists and 48 pieces. One of Commissioner Hean's students is in the show.

C. UNESCO PLANNING FOR 2026

Ms. Johnson said last year was the 20th anniversary. We are hosting a meeting on January 16th to discuss how to make the celebration and activities more networked, and of value to everyone.

11. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

A. COMMUNITY UPDATES - RELEVANT AND TIMELY ARTS-RELATED EVENTS, COMMUNITY MATTERS AND ISSUES OF NOTE

Commissioner Gomez-Chavez said he is working on a show with sculptures. He is seeking a space large enough. If anyone has suggestions please let him know.

Ms. Johnson said Vital Spaces is taking over the Joann Fabrics space.

Commissioner Brandow suggested CCA, or IAIA.

Commissioner Cleveland said Exodus is taking over La Casa Sena for 7 weeks with free shows. It opens on February 7th.

Chair Duncan said Wesley Vigil is having a show at Poeh.

12. NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 9, 2026 AT 5:30 PM, AT THE COMMUNITY GALLERY

13. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Karl Duncan, Chair

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer