

**ARTS COMMISSION
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026, 5:30 PM
COMMUNITY GALLERY
CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Arts Commission was called to order at 5:32 pm by Chair Karl Duncan, on Monday, April 13, 2026, at the Community Gallery, 201 W. Marcy Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The meeting was held in-person and virtually.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Duncan, Chair
Commissioner Brandow
Commissioner Cleveland
Commissioner DeRosa
Commissioner Lee
Commissioner Hean
Commissioner Udvardi

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Yepa, Vice Chair, excused
Commissioner Gomez Chavez, excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Chelsey Johnson, Director, Arts and Culture Department
Rebecca Aubin, Community Gallery Manager
Sage Graham, Arts and Culture Department
Melessia Velasquez, Arts and Culture Department

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Cleveland, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call as follows:

Commissioner Brandow, yes; Commissioner Cleveland, yes; Commissioner Lee,

yes; Commissioner Hean, yes; Commissioner DeRosa, yes, Commissioner Udvardi, yes; Chair Duncan, yes.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Udvardi said her name is misspelled in the minutes.

MOTION A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended.

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

Commissioner Brandow, yes; Commissioner Cleveland, yes; Commissioner Lee, yes; Commissioner Hean, yes; Commissioner DeRosa, yes, Commissioner Udvardi, yes; Chair Duncan, yes.

5. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Maya. Maya said they are working with the UNESCO folks on a program for Safeguarding Cultural Heritage.

Tom Bartos. Mr. Bartos said he is the President of the Greer Garson Performing Arts Alliance and they are concerned about the Greer Garson Feasibility Study. The study is flawed. It was not put together by performance professionals.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION BY SANKIFA BLACK ARTS ALLIANCE

Founding members of the Sankifa Arts Alliance made a presentation about the organization, including the experience of their founders, the vision and mission, the 2025 and 2026 impacts and initiatives.

Chair Duncan said what they are doing is great and asked what the Arts Commission could do to help.

It was suggested that the Arts Commission can share a list of resources for artists with the organization and get the word out about the organization.

B. GREER GARSON THEATER FEASIBILITY STUDY

Ms. Venditti said she is very grateful for the collaboration with the Arts and Culture Department.

Ms. Venditti gave a presentation on the Greer Garson Feasibility Study, including time lines, long term goals and assumptions, operating models and one priority model, focus group interactions, capital and operating budget, current state of the site and building, city oversight and operational support, funding planning, a phased approach and next steps.

There was discussion around occupancy, funding necessary repairs, capital outlay requests and that the public comment period for the study is open now.

Ms. Johnson said during Phase 1, the theater will be a multi-disciplinary performing arts center.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS: DISCUSSION ONLY

A. EVENT PERMITTING CHALLENGES AND UNDERSTANDING

Ms. Velasquez said we have had some of our applicants complain to us that they have had challenges with permits for what they wanted to do. She has met with the Clerks Office and was informed that all internal departments within the City have to comply with the permit requirements. This will be a longer discussion that we will continue. We would like to help streamline the process and will continue to advocate for our applicants.

B. DISCUSSION REGARDING WORKSHOPS AT MOCNA IN APRIL

Commissioner Brandow said we are having an Artist Workshop Miniseries with the following two workshops:

- Photograph Your Art and Head Shots for the Artists

At the Contemporary Indian Arts facility, April 25, 2026, at 10:00 am.

- Strategies for Managing Uneven Income

At the Contemporary Indian Arts facility, April 30, 2026, 10:00 am

Both are open to the public.

Ms. Johnson thanked Commissioner Brandow for coming up with the idea for the workshops and making it happen. The Arts and Culture Department is funding this effort.

8. ACTION ITEMS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF TRADITIONAL MARKETING IMPACT AND COLLABORATIVE IMPACT FUNDING AWARDS

Chair Duncan said this item is to approve the Traditional Marketing Impact and Collaborative Impact Funding Awards we all participated in reviewing and scoring.

Ms. Johnson said the list of awardees and the amounts are on the screen for your review.

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner Hean, seconded by Commissioner DeRosa, to approve the awards as presented.

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

Commissioner Brandow, yes; Commissioner Cleveland, yes; Commissioner Lee, yes; Commissioner Hean, yes; Commissioner DeRosa, yes, Commissioner Udvardi, yes; Chair Duncan, yes.

9. MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR

A. STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT FOR ARTS COMMISSION WITH DATE CERTAIN

There was a discussion around holding a strategic planning retreat for the Arts Commission. It was decided that Melessia will send out a doodle poll with two possible June dates and one possible September date in order to decide on a date that is workable with all of the Commissioners. The retreat will be for 4 hours.

10. MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. ART IS THE SOLUTION UPDATES

Ms. Johnson reported that Art Is the Solution is up and running.

B. AFTACON

Ms. Johnson said this is an arts advocacy organization out of DC. They are having their National Conference on June 3-5, in Albuquerque. She will send out the details.

C. GENERAL ARTS AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Ms. Johnson introduced Jen Joy Roybal, the new Assistant Director of the Arts and Culture Department.

11. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

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

The Commissioners shared events and happenings.

**12. NEXT MEETING: MAY 11, 2025, AT 5:30 PM. AT THE COMMUNITY
GALLERY.**

13. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting
adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Karl Duncan, Chair

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer