

**FILM AND DIGITAL MEDIA COUNCIL
APRIL 1, 2025, 10:00 AM
MEETING VIRTUALLY**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Film and Digital Media Council was called to order by Chair Dillingham, at 10:01 am, on April 1, 2025 and was held virtually.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gay Dillingham, Chair
Anna Darrah
Robert Dennis
Dezbaa
Jacqueline Frank
Jason Ordaz
Milton Reiss, arrived at 10:10 am
De. Elizabeth Stahmer
Dr. James Wysong
Elisa Montoya, arrived at 11:01 am
Frank Ragano
Dyanna Taylor
Alternate Members:
 Mark Glaser
 Tara Tovarek

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Harvey Kahn, excused
Alessandra Dobrin, excused
Alternate Member Siena Bergt
Alternate Member Rashan Ahmed
Alternate Member Jaydin Martinez, excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Johanna Nelson, Director, Economic Development Department and Interim Director of the Affordable Housing Department
Casey Dalbor, Economic Development Department
Andrew Griego, Santa Fe Film Office
Fawn Zimmerman, Managing Director, Council of Development Finance

Agencies

Elena Higgins, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Indigenous Ways

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Dennis, 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; Dezbaa, yes; Ms. Frank, yes; Mr. Ordaz, yes; Dr. Wysong, yes; Ms. Taylor, yes; Dr. Stahmer, yes; Mr. Ragano, yes; Mr. Glaser, yes; Ms. Tovarek, yes; Chair Dillingham, yes.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY FILM AND DIGITAL MEDIA COUNCIL

A typo was pointed out on page 3.

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

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

Ms. Darrah, yes; Mr. Dennis, yes; Dezbaa, yes; Ms. Frank, yes; Mr. Ordaz, yes; Dr. Wysong, yes; Ms. Taylor, yes; Dr. Stahmer, yes; Mr. Ragano, yes; Mr. Glaser, yes; Ms. Tovarek, yes; Chair Dillingham, yes.

Mr. Reiss arrived at the meeting.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. INTRODUCTION TO SANTA FE STRATEGIC FILM FINANCE PROJECT

Ms. Zimmerman gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Film Finance Project.

Ms. Zimmerman said the next step is a stakeholder roles and expectations workshop.

Chair Dillingham asked before our May meeting, it may be beneficial for you to meet with our working groups.

Ms. Zimmerman said we will follow up by email regarding our outreach to stakeholders and will have a smaller working group meeting.

Ms. Darrah asked if the May 6th workshop is open to the public.

Ms. Zimmerman said yes, people can email her prior to the meeting and attend to listen and can attend to give input.

Ms. Darrah said it feels like this is a target time line.

Ms. Zimmerman said it is a target time line. We can have a smaller working group meeting before and after this. We will have to tune in to three to five strategies. The distribution will be to a wider, broader ecosystem. We can develop a distribution list and add it to your distribution list and let them know about the workshop. We will send the presentation to Casey to distribute to all of you.

Chair Dillingham said so, pretty much our whole next meeting will be with Ms. Zimmerman.

B. INTRODUCTION TO INDIGENOUS WAYS FILM FESTIVAL AT IAIA

Ms. Higgins said we are looking for a potential sponsorship.

Ms. Higgins gave a PowerPoint presentation saying the first Indigenous Ways Film Festival will be May 2nd through May 5th on the IAIA campus. It is rooted in tradition and is open to everyone. We do have a specific voice. We are looking for sponsorship and a facilitator for workshops. Dezbaa will be delivering a workshop on Sunday and delivering a short. We will put our contact information in the chat. We would like someone from the Council to talk about your Council and how to get into film.

Chair Dillingham said this event is on the IAIA campus, but IAIA is not organizing it.

Dezbaa said she is doing a presentation on how to write, direct and act. She is happy to include someone else from the Council to do that part of the presentation.

Dr. Stahmer said she would work with Dezbaa to do that.

Ms. Frank said she would be delighted to be involved on production. She will contact Ms. Higgins.

Ms. Montoya arrived at the meeting.

6. UPDATES

A. SANTA FE FILM OFFICE UPDATE

Chair Dillingham welcomed Andrew Griego, the new Film Coordinator, who is working with Jen. This is his second day.

Mr. Griego introduced himself.

Ms. Dillingham read Ms. LaBar-Tapia's written report including that Sundance choose Boulder, Young Guns is coming to film here in the summer, Aspect Media had a ground breaking last week and the Santa Fe Film Day at the Legislature went great and was well attended.

Mr. Griego said he will put his contact information in the chat.

7. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

A. FILM AND DIGITAL MEDIA WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Government Affairs

Mr. Dennis said he posted a link in the chat with his notes and report about the Legislature. We just finished the 60 day session. SB460 was dropped by Shannon Pinto. The proposal was to make changes and amendments to the Film Loan Fund statute that was written by Shannon Robinson. We attended a committee meeting in the Senate and spoke in support of the Bill. It passed on to Senate Finance. Senator Robinson corralled us and we gave him suggestions as to the statutes. He participated in several meetings. There was not hearing in Senate Finance, but it was a good effort. There was a Joint Resolution (HJR 11) introduced regarding the Anti-Donation Clause. Andrea Romero put it in to eliminate it. It is in the State Constitution. It got shot down. It has now been transferred into a Legislative Study Group. He has asked to be kept informed.

Chair Dillingham said this is a complicated landscape with a lot of heavy lifting. Thank you Robert for all your work.

Mr. Dennis said the next session will be 30 days. It will be the Governor's last session. The next session after that will be a 60 day session with a new Governor. He sent you a link to SB22., which is a bill in Texas. It provides \$500 million every two years in reimbursement grants for film. Mr. Dennis also gave updates on other states.

Chair Dillingham said some other states are very competitive. We can no longer sit back. We are committed to work with the Governor's Film Council.

Above The Line

Ms. Darrah said the last event we had was a lot of fun. The next one will be at Las Golondrinas and will be a summer event. We are meeting with them this week. We are working on a date and will let you know. It will be on a Friday.

Education

Dr. Wysong said our backlot project is going to be over a 50 acre parcel. We have received funding from the County, City and the Legislature. The goal is to break ground in the next month or two. We are looking forward to hosting Tisch again and Illinois University, thanks to Robert.

Mr. Reiss said he attended the his first Governor's Council meeting. He will be serving on two subcommittees - education from the aspect of above the line and below the line training.

Dr. Stahmer said Stagecoach is going back out with another road show at the end of May. We have partnered with San Juan College. 30 students will be filming a short film. The group is statewide.

Mr. Ordaz said we are still working on our partnership with AMC. We have also partnered with the International Film Festival for a special story about Dark Winds. 100 people attended the above the line event along with 20 students.

Post Production

Mr. Dennis said we did not have a meeting.

B. MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR

None.

8. MATTERS FROM STAFF

Mr. Dalbor said we have our next office hours at the Incubator coming up from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you have not signed up for our newsletter you should do so. El Solon will be on April 8th at the Boxcar from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Please feel free to sign up for the newsletter in the chat.

Ms. Nelson said thank you to all who attended the above the line. Thank you again to IAIA. We are working closely with Arrowhead to roll out the Small Business Navigator.

Chair Dillingham asked if they can plug into the Creative Industries grants.

Ms. Nelson said Tara is involved in the workshop part of our initiative to support creative industries. Film is technically not a part of the Act.

Mr. Ragano thanked Economic Development for their support of the Festival and the creative industries grants.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

10. NEXT MEETING:

A. MAY 6TH, 10:00 AM TO NOON

11. ADJOURN

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



Gay Dillingham, Chair

Elizabeth Martin

Elizabeth Martin (Nov 21, 2025 15:44:31 MST)

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer