



Agenda

**Regular Meeting of the Santa Fe
Film and Digital Media Council
December 2, 2025 at 10:00 AM
Meeting Virtually**

Procedures for Santa Fe Film and Digital Media Council Meeting

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 1. Approval of the Minutes from the Film and Digital Media Council from November 4, 2025.
5. Updates
 - a. Santa Fe Film Office (Jennifer LaBar-Tapia, Santa Fe Film Commissioner, jllabartapia@santafenm.gov)
6. Presentations
 - a. Indy Q Update (Tom Ragan, Board President, NM Film Foundation, tragan@wesst.org)
7. Discussion Items
 - a. Working Group Reports & Discussion of Year-End Reports (Gay Dillingham, Chair, gayd@cnsf.com)
8. Matters from the Committee

- a. Matters from the Chair (Gay Dillingham, Chair, gayd@cnscc.com)
- 9. Matters from Staff
- 10. Matters from the Public
- 11. Next Meeting:
 - a. **January 6, 2026**
- 12. Adjourn

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**FILM AND DIGITAL MEDIA COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 4, 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 November 4, 2025 and was held virtually.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gay Dillingham, Chair
Anna Darrah
Robert Dennis
Jason Ordaz, arrived at 11:41 am
Dyanna Taylor
Dr. James Wysong
Dr. Elizabeth Stahmer
Jacqueline Frank
Dezbaa
Alessandra Dobrin, arrived at 11:43 pm
Tara Tovarek
Sienna Bergt
(2 vacancies)
Alternate Members:
 Lisette Bailey
 Talia Pura
 Max Walukas

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Jaydin Martinez, excused
Harvey Kahn, excused
Alternate Member Barbara Bentree
Alternate Member James Cressanthis

OTHERS PRESENT

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Ms. Darrah, yes; Mr. Dennis, yes; Dr. Wysong, yes; Dr. Stahmer, yes; Ms. Frank, yes; Dezbaa, yes; Ms. Taylor, yes; Ms. Bergt, yes; Ms. Bailey, yes; Ms. Pura, yes; Mr. Walukas, yes, Chair Dillingham, yes.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 7, 2025, FILM AND DIGITAL MEDIA COUNCIL MEETING

Chair Dillingham noted corrections several corrections.

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

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

Ms. Darrah, yes; Mr. Dennis, yes; Dr. Wysong, yes; Dr. Stahmer, yes; Ms. Frank, yes; Dezbaa, yes; Ms. Taylor, yes; Ms. Bergt, yes; Ms. Bailey, yes; Ms. Pura, yes; Mr. Walukas, yes, Chair Dillingham, yes.

5. UPDATES

A. SANTA FE FILM OFFICE

Ms. LaBar-Tapia reported that she was impressed with the International Film Festival. She feels it was the best one yet. It was well attended and organized. We had a great fan tour that was also well attended. Tish participated in the Fest as well. Thank you for the great Above the Line event. She taught at the PA training last month. The backlot groundbreaking was fun and well attended and supported.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. REEL SCOUT DIRECTORY

Ms. LaBar-Tapia gave the history of the project and why a directory that is

specific to Santa Fe is needed.

Dean Carpenter, Consultant, shared his screen and explained how to navigate and search the directory and how to get property, businesses and services on the site.

There was discussion.

Mr. Carpenter said this is the first phase of this project.

Chair Dillingham thanked Jen and Dean for their hard work.

B. BINGO AND BUCH EVENT UPDATE

Kiana Estevez, Last Call Kombucha Founder, shared her screen and explained what Kombucha is and the process, saying the upcoming event will be on November 9th at Sky Cinemas. There will be two 90 minutes sessions, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm and 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. There will be 40 participants in total at each session, with 20 above the line and 20 below the line. It is a free event.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. STRATEGIC PLAN WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Chair Dillingham stated that the Council needs to present an update of what our working groups have been working on to the Mayor. She asked the Chair of each working group to send an update to her for inclusion.

ABOVE THE LINE WORKING GROUP

Ms. Darrah said our October 24th event was the biggest so far. Our next event will be three months from now. Our group is working on what the concerns are for the above the line folks.

EDUCATION WORKING GROUP

Dr. Stahmer said the groundbreaking ceremony for the backlot was wonderful. She is grateful for the partnerships, the great attendance and the enthusiasm. The support was heartwarming. Stagecoach is partnering with Netflix to do training and director shadowing. We also had a casting event.

Mr. Ordaz arrived at the meeting at 11:41 am and said they are working with AMC on several episodes of a TV show.

Ms. Dobrin arrived at the meeting at 11:43 am.

POST PRODUCTION WORKING GROUP

Ms. Dobrin said we have 20 new people in our group, bringing our total to 35. She and Robert are working on a site for a meeting for our group.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS WORKING GROUP

Mr. Dennis reported that they had a meeting on October 13th with members of the Governor's Film Council to discuss efforts on the Film Loan Fund and recommendations to the Governor. The proposal is to reinvigorate the Film Loan Fund. We are waiting to hear back from them. We also discussed several small grants they are looking to reinstate and refund.

Chair Dillingham said the Council realized that Robert had done a lot of research on this. We need grants, not just the loan fund. We are trying to see if the Legislature has the appetite to take on these issues at this time.

Dr. Stahmer asked if there was any discussion around the film education funding.

Mr. Dennis said not specifically so far. He raised the issue, but they are not dealing with that directly. There may not be much we can do in a 30 day session to address that or the loan fund. That is where we are.

8. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

A. MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Dillingham said we need to schedule a deep dive into the financial landscape map.

Mr. Dennis said he will get a small group to work on that.

9. MATTERS FROM STAFF

Mr. Dalbor encouraged everyone to read the update of events, activities and what the Economic Development Department is working on from he and Johanna. Thank you to everyone who attended the above the line event. It was amazing.

10. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jane Carroll. Ms. Carroll said she is willing to help in any way possible.

Dezbaa announced a performance by the Native Ensemble Group at the Lensic

on November 15th at 7:30 pm.

Ms. Darrah said she has an intern from Santa Fe High School who is doing research on grants for film makers.

Ms. Taylor talked about a film night for her film Barrista.

11. NEXT MEETING

A. DECEMBER 2, 2025

12. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 pm.

Gay Dillingham, Chair

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer