

**SANTA FE COUNTY
ART, CULTURE, AND CREATIVE ECONOMY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026, 9:00 AM
SANTA FE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX
240 GRANT AVENUE, SANTA FE, NM**

1. OPENING BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Art, Culture, and Creative Economy Council was called to order by Pam Sullivan, Chair, on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 9:06 am, at the Santa Fe County Administration Complex, 240 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, NM.

B. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Pam Sullivan, Chair
Kevin Box
Rudy Bentz
Mariah Burns
Carla Sanders
David Lindblom
Michael Lancaster
Deborah Torres

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brian McPartlon, excused
Nancy Sutor, excused
Pablo Acona, excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Jonathan Butler, Community Development Director
Anne Wodarczyk, Community Development Planner
Valarie Rengel, SF County Planning Department
Juan Torres, SF County Economic Development Department Manager
Theresa Stone
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Bentz, seconded by Ms. Burns, to approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

D. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

E. ACCE RESOLUTION POINTS

The ACCE Resolution points were read.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. ACCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2025

MOTION A motion was made by Ms. Torres, seconded by Mr. Box, to approve the minutes of November 12, 2025.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

B. ACCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 14, 2026

MOTION A motion was made by Ms. Burns, seconded by Ms. Torres, to approve the minutes of January 14, 2026.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

3. MATTERS FROM STAFF BUTLER

A. UPDATE FROM JONATHAN

Mr. Butler said he thinks he said a lot in the last meeting. We would like you all to do most of the talking today. We are looking forward to hearing what you say because it will direct our next steps

B. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Ms. Wodarczyk said at the last meeting Val mentioned the RFP for the Agua Fria Arts and History Center. They wanted to bring it to you for comments. We would have to approve that before we put on agenda. We would like to have it on the agenda in

March.

Chair Sullivan said it was brought up at the last meeting. We did not give it enough time. Nancy said it is a good test of how who we are in the future. Maybe it is a good idea for March.

Mr. Box and Mr. Bentz commented that it would be a good idea and good practice to review the RFP.

There was consensus to include the review of the RFP on the March agenda.

4. MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Sullivan said everyone has received the report from Tressa and hopefully everyone has gotten their comments to Anne. We will review and discuss that today and we will talk about the job description and working with the County in the future.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS

A. DISCUSSION - ARTS AND CULTURE JOB DESCRIPTION AND FUTURE ROLL OF THE COUNCIL

Chair Sullivan said we all received a document from the City of Santa Fe Department of Arts and Culture at the last meeting. Jonathan is putting together a budget. Do you have a placeholder at this time and what do you need from us.

Mr. Butler said what is most important for him from you is to give us a sense of what you think the Council wants to do and how an employee might support you in doing that. He will create a potential job description for your review. Thinking about Kevin's proposal, we see a grant program. You might say something about that in the description about overseeing that process. Regarding the presentation next month, you do want someone connected with the County, community and the arts community to see that those things are brought to you for discussion.

Ms. Sanders asked are you picturing one full time employee.

Mr. Butler said having a staff person initially may not be a Director. We need an Arts and Culture Division that has an employee within that division that serves the Council based on needs. There will be other things within the division such as public art. Right now, public art lives in the Public Works Division. Marketing as well, possibly. He is not sure just yet. Think of it as a position that helps serve the Council and advances the interconnection of art throughout County government. If Public Works has a project, we would want this employee to work with them to ensure something is added to make a bridge more esthetically pleasing. We might put out a call for artists. We would want the Council to help put out that proposal and have a

member vetting the artists.

There was discussion regarding an organizational chart, focusing on the Council's needs and what the employee would do for the Council, an Arts and Culture Department, leading the Council's mission and vision, hiring a person who can work with the other departments, hiring a coordinator, ensuring the employee has an equitable seat at the table and providing support for the employee.

Chair Sullivan said we have one opportunity here. We are defining a role of how the Council can support that person.

Mr. Butler said we do have councils and committees throughout government. The department that has the most is Community Services. As far as Community Development, you all would be our first as a whole department. To manage the responsibility of servicing the Council can be onerous. It depends on the level of sophistication. We will make a recommendation that this Council not be married to the open records process. We have advisory councils who give us advice. We have some that create the work plan for the employees. It is a choice. What kind of Council do you want to be. I think a little of both. His job, as a leader, is to ensure that whomever we hire has the respect of other departments within the organization to sit at the table and to be able to speak. We are setting up joint meetings between ourselves and Growth Management to ensure open lines of communication and collaboration. That is the responsibility of our department, to ensure that person receives the appropriate respect.

Chair Sullivan said Brian sent a question. What if this position does not get funded.

Mr. Butler said we have already prepared to continue to service the work within the department. We have not talked about it in great detail. We think there is enough support to fund the position, but are not naive enough to not have a backup plan. We are in the hiring process for open positions now to ensure that.

Discussion continued around the position's duties, the job of the Council to lay out the criteria of the position and the job of the department to ensure the employee is performing.

B. DISCUSSION - CONSULTANT'S STRATEGIC PLAN

Chair Sullivan said page 3 outlines the priorities and actions. Our three priorities are there. The first page of the executive summary has some doable things.

There was discussion about the need for public engagement, formulating a presentation for the public, short term and long term goals, public representation within the Council, next steps and how or if the Council will use Tressa's plan.

Mr. Butler said the target audience for the consultants report was the Board of County Commissioners, not the public. It is a report of what she accomplished per her contract. It will be presented to the County Commission as her work product. They will use it as they wish.

Chair Sullivan suggested using a form of the chart in the consultant's plan to put together a time line. Send your comments to Anne prior to the next meeting.

6. ACTION ITEMS

None.

7. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

8. MATTERS FROM THE COUNCIL

A. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Stone said Brian is the Chair of the Rotary Arts Committee. We have named our District Artist of the Year as Bill Barrett. He is 91 years old. She and Brian are putting together a series of events at the Barrett home. We are also contracting with Lensic 360 to do a concert at the railyard. There will be a gala event on October 8th at La Fonda. If you want to use any of our events to have a booth and/or engage people, that would be great.

9. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

A. NEXT MEETING MARCH 11TH

B. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 am.

Pam Sullivan, Chair

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

