

**SANTA FE COUNTY
ART, CULTURE, AND CREATIVE ECONOMY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026, 9:00 AM
SANTA FE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX
240 GRANT AVENUE, SANTA FE, NM
VIRTUAL AND IN PERSON**

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, May 13, 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
Brian McPartlon
Nancy Sutor
Pablo Acona
Rudy Bentz
Mariah Burns
Kevin Box
David Lindblom
Michael Lancaster
Deborah Torres

MEMBERS ABSENT

Carla Sanders, 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
Joaquin Amador, IT Department
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Chair Sullivan, yes; Mr. McPartlon, yes; Ms. Sutor, yes; Mr. Acona, yes; Mr. Bentz, yes; Ms. Burns, yes; Mr. Box, yes; Mr. Lindblom, yes; Mr. Lancaster, yes; Ms. Torrez, yes.

D. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 8, 2026, ACCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Bentz, seconded by Ms. Sutor, to approve the minutes of April 8, 2026.

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

Chair Sullivan, yes; Mr. McPartlon, yes; Ms. Sutor, yes; Mr. Acona, yes; Mr. Bentz, yes; Ms. Burns, yes; Mr. Box, yes; Mr. Lindblom, yes; Mr. Lancaster, yes; Ms. Torrez, yes.

2. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

None.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. BIG DAY ON THE PLAZA: GUSTAVE BAUMANN’S “PASATIEMPO PARADE

Ms. Sutor gave an overview of the Gustave Baumann’s “Pasatiempo Parade” inspired project that she is working on, including an artist parade possibly on the River Trail. The date of the event will be October 10th and may include a performance at the amphitheater on the trail as well.

There was discussion around the Council participation in the event and the event itself, inviting youth groups to participate, participation of the Youth Symphony Mariachi Group, sponsorship by the ACCE and working together with the City of Santa Fe.

Ms. Sutor will keep the Council informed as to the progress.

B. PRESENTATION OF ACCE YEAR ONE WORK PLAN

Ms. Wodarczyk shared her screen and reviewed the presentation of the Creative Industries One Year Plan to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners. She will send the presentation to the Council members.

There was discussion around the plan written by Tressa, the One Year Plan and a new Resolution.

Mr. Butler explained that the current Council Resolution sunsets on July 1st. He said we are trying to provide a road map to the County Commission so they can determine what action they want to take. Do they want to continue the Council in it's current form or make changes. The Board of County Commissioners has the final say as to that determination. There will be an agenda item for the next meeting regarding this.

Mr. Box asked about the Council's ability to act outside the Open Meetings Act.

Mr. Butler said we have not come up with a way to be able to do that. All of the other Boards, Commissions and Councils in the County follow the rules and formalities.

There was a discussion around the development of a Council logo and work plans.

4. MISCELLANEOUS ACTION ITEMS

None.

5. MATTERS FROM THE COUNCIL

A. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Sullivan asked if anyone has any agenda items they would like to see for future meetings.

Ms. Wodarczyk said to continue the website discussion and the presentation to the Board of County Commissioners.

B. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Box announced the opening of the Sculpture Gardens for the 10th season.

Ms. Sutor talked about working with Little Globe to do oral histories around the Agua Fria Village.

Chair Sullivan said her gallery is in it's second month. There will be a workshop the last week in June on building masks and figures to be in the Madrid 4th of July parade.

Mr. Lindblom spoke about the reopening of the Onate Bridge.

Mr. Box spoke about the National Dance Institute fundraiser.

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF

Mr. Torres gave an update on the Economic Development Department activities including the updated website and the Encantado Network - a business hub network.

Mr. Box thanked Mr. Torres for his work and said he is seeing the reality of what we have been talking about. There is a platform for us to engage with the public. We have to do the work now.

Mr. Torres said this is a pre cursor to the One Year Plan. This is about how we, as staff, can work with you to execute some of the things you wish to work on.

Ms. Torres said this is a great start. Thank you Juan. She would like to propose that we have a website discussion as the next agenda item.

Ms. Burns said she is happy to take the lead on the website.

Mr. Torres said he will work with her to connect her to the IT staff.

Mr. Torres spoke about the grants allocated through the Creative Industries State funding and the outreach that is done to inform the public about funding opportunities.

Mr. Butler said we have advertised for the position in Juan's shop. He would like to have at least one of the Council members on the interview panel.

Mr. Bentz and Ms. Sutor volunteered to be on the on the interview panel.

Mr. Torres said this in an Economic Development Department position. It is not a position that is just for the Council. They will be working on all of the things Economic Development does across the County.

Mr. Butler said we clarified this at the last meeting. We did go into budget discussions requesting a position for the Council. The County Manager and Deputy

County Manager communicated to us that we needed to fill the position previously held by Leila to assist the Council as part of that position. We have resources in the Economic Development Department to provide support for the Council. It is our plan to get some sense by the end of this fiscal year of if this works well or we need to recommend a separate position. This will all be recommended to the County Commission.

7. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026

9. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

A. ADJOURNMENT

There bring no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Pam Sullivan, Chair

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer