

**SANTA FE COUNTY
ART CULTURE, AND CREATIVE ECONOMY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025, 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, April 9, 2025, at 9:00 am, at the Santa Fe County Administration Complex, 240 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, NM.

B. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Pam Sullivan, Chair
Anthony Moore
Pablo Ancona
Kevin Box
Brian McPartlon
Mariah Burns
Jennie Cooley
Michale Lancaster
Carla Sanders
David Lindblom
Nancy Sutor, arrived after the agenda approval.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Nancy Sutor

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Leila Shadabi, Economic Development Specialist
Dr. Tressa Berman, Consultant
Valarie Rengel, SF County Planning Department
Juan Torres, SF County Economic Development Department Manager
Michael Nunez, County Attorney
Robert Lanbert, SF County Public Works Department
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer, virtually

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. McPartlon, seconded by Mr. Lancaster, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

D. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions of staff were made.

Ms. Sutor arrived at the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. REQUEST APPROVAL OF MARCH 4, 2025 MINUTES

There was discussion around corrections to the introductions made of Council members and of Ms. Berman. Corrections will be made to the minutes.

MOTION A motion was made by Lindblom, seconded by Mr. Moore, to approve the minutes as amended.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

3. MATTERS FROM STAFF

None.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Mr. Nunez reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the Open Meetings Act requirements.

There was discussion.

B. RESOLUTION 2024-167 REVIEW

Ms. Berman handed out and reviewed Resolution 2024-167, which outlines the mission of the Council, the strategic plan framework and the time line for the Council to complete their portion of the plan.

Ms. Shadabi said the complete framework is to be fleshed out to become the actual plan by the end of October.

Mr. Torres said Ms. Berman will write the plan for submission to the Board of County Commissioners.

Ms. Shadabi said this is the first mission of the council. After the strategic plan is completed, the future of the Council will be determined.

Mr. Torres said we have some flexibility. We budgeted for the 18 months given as direction in the Resolution. The plan is the County's Five Year Plan. Included in the plan will be your portion, which will include the future of this Council.

Ms. Berman said this is not a top down process. She sees her role as part translator, part bridge. Your role is content creators. Whatever is to be in the plan will be generated by you and refined through vetting and the writing process by her. The plan will include the collective voice of community we are building. Part of her role is to reflect all the voices. The plan needs to be aligned with the County's already stated objective for the Council.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. SUMMARY OF DISTRICT-BY-DISTRICT MEETINGS

Ms. Berman said she was going to give an overview of the district group meetings and what we talked about. She met with the representatives by District in their home district about where they are and what can be learned. She also sent out a poll. She asked everyone, "what does the creative economy mean to you." It appears that what it means to everyone is that it is an "inclusive economy."

Ms. Berman said we also spoke about what some of the resources were within the district, such as where people meet, where people make art, what are the variations of art, assets in terms of funding and other kinds of cultural assets. She also asked for needs. For example the need for a place to meet. In this stage of the plan, we are asking questions. Going forward, we will discuss our goals, objectives and actions.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. INTEREST GROUPS DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE SUBCOMMITTEES

Chair Sullivan said this will be an open discussion with the Council about interests and possible working groups or subcommittees.

Ms. Berman said this is a brainstorming session. She uses the three Ps in

planning processes. They are purpose, process and product. The purpose today is to create three subcommittees, what to call them and ideally to sign up for the ones in which you want to participate. The process is to discuss ideas and interests from the district meetings and that come to mind today. She will use a white board for ideas in order to flesh them out and find the three things that emerge most strongly as subcommittee topics, keeping in mind the rules of a quorum. She will be the scribe.

Ms. Berman noted on the white board the following items that she heard in the District meetings including assets - both cultural and funding, and events.

It was suggested by a Council member that the Council work on a mission statement before diving into the working groups.

It was suggested by a Council member that the tenants of the Resolution become the mission statement.

There was a robust discussion.

The following ideas were brought forward, discussed and noted:

Studio events, events that bring people out of the City and into the County areas, art in public schools, defining art, venues, partnerships, marketing, technical assistance, training, workshops, grant writing, funding, outreach and promotion, public arts, what defines creative culture, festivals, activation, and programs.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. McPartlon, seconded by Mr. Moore, to table the discussion and action in order to give the consultant time to distill and organize the conversation.

It was suggested that before we table the discussion can we agree on the categories of resources, funding, marketing and programming.

It was stated that the decision regarding the naming of the subcommittees will be completed at the next meeting.

Chair Sullivan said Ms. Berman will bring her organization of what we all said to the next meeting for action.

VOTE The motion passed on a voice vote.

7. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

8. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

A question was asked as to if the members of the Council can identify themselves as members of the Council when they speak with others regarding ideas for the Council.

Mr. Torres said he would get back to the Council about that.

9. NEXT ACCE MEETING: MAY 14, 2025

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.

Pam Sullivan, Chair

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer