SANTA FE FILM AND DIGITAL MEDIA COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026, 10:00 AM
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
SANTA FE, NM

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Santa Fe Film and Digital Media Council was called to order by Gay Dillingham, Chair, at 10:03 am, on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, virtually via Zoom.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT

Gay Dillingham, Chair
Robert Dennis
Liesette Bailey
Talia Pura
James Chressanthis
Alessandra Dobrin
Siena Sofia Bergt, arrived after roll call
Dr. James Wysong, arrived after roll call

ALTERNATE MEMBERS PRESENT

Ienenharihshon Thompson
Ziad Seirafi
Michael Garfield
Judy Bell
Lucia Ricciardelli
Shannon Hughes
The stenographer confirmed a quorum with alternate members present, all of whom were eligible to vote.

MEMBERS ABSENT

DezBaa', excused
Jaydin Martinez, excused
Jason Ordaz, excused
Dr. Elizabeth Stahmer, excused
Dyanna Taylor, excused
Barbara Bentree, excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Johanna Nelson, Director, Economic Development Division
Andrew Griego, Film Coordinator, Santa Fe Film Office
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer
Bright Quashie, Phintch
Adam Abusang, Phintch

Greg Polk, New Mexico Documentary Incubator

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Dillingham announced that Item 6A would be postponed to a future meeting.

MOTION A motion was made by Talia Pura and seconded by Robert Dennis to approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Chair Dillingham, yes; Robert Dennis, yes; Liesette Bailey, yes; Talia Pura, yes; James Chressanthis, yes; Alessandra Dobrin, yes; Ienenharihshon Thompson, yes; Ziad Seirafi, yes; Michael Garfield, yes; Judy Bell, abstain; Lucia Ricciardelli, yes; Shannon Hughes, yes.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 4, 2026 SANTA FE FILM AND DIGITAL MEDIA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION A motion was made by Siena Sofia Bergt and seconded by Talia Pura to approve the meeting minutes.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Chair Dillingham, yes; Robert Dennis, yes; Liesette Bailey, yes; Talia Pura, yes; James Chressanthis, yes; Alessandra Dobrin, yes; Siena Sofia Bergt, yes; Ienenharihshon Thompson, yes; Ziad Seirafi, yes; Michael Garfield, yes; Judy Bell, yes; Lucia Ricciardelli, yes; Shannon Hughes, yes.

5. SANTA FE FILM OFFICE UPDATE

Mr. Griego reported on Film Office activity since the August meeting, including recent industry events, two feature films currently shooting in the City's jurisdiction, and production inquiries averaging two to three per week, many for 2027.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. 1st item

Postponed.

B. PHINTCH

Bright Quashie and Adam Abusang presented Phintch, a nonprofit streaming app for New Mexico independent films. Council members asked questions and offered comments.

C. NEW MEXICO DOCUMENTARY INCUBATOR

Greg Polk presented the New Mexico Documentary Incubator, which provides grants, mentorship, and resources to emerging and early-career documentary filmmakers. Council members asked questions and offered comments.

7. STRATEGIC PLAN WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Mr. Dennis gave the Government Affairs update, including legislation being drafted for a New Mexico Finance Authority loan fund for independent productions, and asked members interested in the working group to contact him. Mr. Griego reported that the Above the Line event planned at Bonanza Creek Ranch was postponed due to weather. Dr. Wysong, Ms. Bergt, and Ms. Thompson gave Education updates. Ms. Dobrin gave the Post-Production update, including a post-production training program launching later this year.

8. COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES

Ms. Bailey, Ms. Pura, Mr. Seirafi, Mr. Dennis, Ms. Hughes, and Ms. Dobrin shared updates on their work and upcoming events.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jen Rudin of Jen Rudin Casting introduced her Santa Fe based casting company.

10. MATTERS FROM STAFF

Director Nelson reported on Casey Dalbor's departure for a position with the State, the Division's reorganization within the Economic Development and Creative Industries Department, an open Economic Development Associate position focused on workforce development, an incoming creative industries coordinator, the draft Economic Development Strategic Action Plan, an open call for an operator for the Go Local, Go Different program, and upcoming events.

11. NEXT MEETING

A. NOVEMBER 3, 2026

12. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 pm.

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Gay Dillingham, Chair

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Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer