ARTS COMMISSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 5:30 PM
COMMUNITY GALLERY
CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Arts Commission was called to order at 5:33 pm by Commissioner Yepa, Vice Chair, on Monday, August 10, 2026, at the Community Gallery, 201 W. Marcy Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The meeting was held in-person and virtually.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT
Commissioner Cleveland
Commissioner Hean
Commissioner DeRosa
Commissioner Udvardi
Commissioner Brandow, arrived after item 4 on the agenda
Commissioner Lee
Commissioner Gomez Chavez
Commissioner Yepa, Vice Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT
Duncan, Chair, excused

OTHERS PRESENT
Chelsey Johnson, Director, Arts and Culture Department
Melessia Velasquez, Arts and Culture Department

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner Hean, seconded by Commissioner Yepa, to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Commissioner Cleveland, yes; Commissioner Hean; yes, Commissioner DeRosa, yes; Commissioner Udvardi, yes; Commissioner Lee, yes; Commissioner Gomez Chavez, yes; Chair Yepa, yes.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE JULY 13, 2026 ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

This item was postponed to the September meeting.

5. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION BY FREE INDIAN MARKET

Mr. Leland Gonzalez gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Free Indian Market, including the history of the market, the venue at the Scottish Rite Temple, the purpose, plan, event, collaborations and partnerships. Mr. Gonzalez asked the Arts anc Culture Department and Commission to sponsor their event.

B. PRESENTATION BY SCIART

Mr. Barnard gave a presentation regarding SciArt and a one night light art event to be held at the Midtown Campus.

There was discussion.

7. MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR

A. DISCUSSION REGARDING UPCOMING VACANCY AND AD HOC SEARCH COMMITTEE

Ms. Johnson said Chair Duncan's term expires in October. September will be his final meeting with us after four excellant years. The Mayor appoints the Commission members and Chair. We are starting out search and will have an ad hoc committee who will review the applications and make recommendations to the Mayor.

B. STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT DEFERRED

Ms. Johnson said Chair Duncan, Vice Chair Yepa and the Department made the decision to defer the retreat until the vacancy has been filled and a new Chair ha been appointed.

8. MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. MAYOR'S ARTS AWARDS UPDATE

Ms. Johnson gave an update on the Mayor's Arts Awards.

B. GENERAL ARTS AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Ms. Johnson gave an update on activities, programs and events.

9. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

A. COMMUNITY UPDATES: RELEVANT AND TIMELY ARTS-RELATED EVENTS, COMMUNITY MATTERS, AND ISSUES OF NOTE

Commission members shared upcoming events and happenings.

10. NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 AT 5:30 PM

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

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Commissioner Winoka Yepa, Vice Chair

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Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer