

**SCFD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
May 27, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

SCFD Board members present via Zoom: Chair Gino Greco, Vice-Chair Raymond Gonzales, Secretary Marcela de la Mar, Treasurer Ann Speer, Suzanne Crawford, Councilwoman Kendra Black, Jack Finlaw, Kathy Nesbitt, Jake Zambrano, and Deborah Malden

SCFD staff present: Executive Director Deborah Jordy, Deputy Director Jessica Kato, Program Officer Dana Manyothane, and Program Officer Kendal Zimmermann

SCFD staff absent: Program Officer Heather Porter

1. Introductions and Quorum Determination

Chairman Gino Greco called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. followed by introductions. A quorum was present.

2. Review & Approval of Agenda

Vice-chair Raymond Gonzales motioned to approve the agenda. Kathy Nesbitt seconded. Motion to accept the agenda passed.

3. Approval of April 22, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Kathy Nesbitt motioned to approve the April 22, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Treasurer Ann Speer seconded. Motion to accept the minutes passed.

4. Oath of Office

Chairman Gino Greco informed the board that Governor Polis has re-appointed Jack Finlaw, Kathy Nesbitt, and Marcela de la Mar to a second three-year term. Jacki Cooper Melmed will be replacing Carlos Martinez, as he has been appointed to the History Colorado board. Her first meeting will be in July. Gino also informed the board that this was Councilwoman Kendra Black's final meeting after serving for six years. We will be celebrating both her and Carlos at the July meeting.

Gino then asked Marcela de la Mar, Jack Finlaw, and Kathy Nesbitt to read the oath of office to be sworn in for their second terms.

5. Reports

5.1 Treasurer

Ann Speer reported the March 2021 SCFD sales and use tax revenue was \$6,063,962.38. The 2021 year-to-date (YTD) sales and use tax revenue is \$16,144,585.72 This compares to YTD 2020 sales and use tax revenue of \$14,236.872.42 The variance is \$1,907,713.30, a 13.40% increase in YTD 2021 over YTD 2020.

While the percentage increase looks large, we believe this is probably a statistical aberration. Please remember this is being compared to the pandemic economy of last year and that we anticipate SCFD revenues to steady to historic trends as the year continues. Over the last several years, SCFD had been experiencing a 3-5% annual increase and the data is telling the hopeful story of that trend returning as the year progresses. Ann also informed the board that the team council is looking for several new members and the application is live on the SCFD website.

5.2 Chairman

Gino Greco did not have a report this month other than the new board appointments.

4.3 Executive Director

Deborah Jordy introduced Arlene Hicks who will be joining the SCFD staff in June as the part-time administrative assistant. We feel very fortunate to have her join the team. She also shared that the SCFD audit is in the final draft process and will be presented at the July board meeting.

6. Tier I 2021 Distribution Certification

6.1 Panel presentation by Tier I CEOs (6 min. per organization)

The leadership from the five organizations gave a six-minute presentation on their specific organization:

Denver Art Museum: Christoph Heinrich, Frederick, and Jan Mayer Director

Denver Botanic Gardens: Brian Vogt, CEO

Denver Zoo: Bert Vescolani, President and CEO

Denver Museum of Nature & Science: George Sparks, President, and CEO

Denver Center for Performing Arts: Janice Sinden, CEO

The Board thanked the presenters and the organizations for providing extraordinary leadership through these challenging times. The Board proceeded to ask a variety of questions regarding the progression of construction projects, strategies to engage stakeholder groups, financial and programmatic resiliency, inclusivity initiatives, and reopening procedures.

6.2 Resolution 21-04: Pertaining to 2021 Tier I Budgeted Funds Distribution

Jack Finlaw motioned to approve Resolution 21-04: Pertaining to 2021 Tier I Budgeted Funds Distribution. Suzanne Crawford seconded. Motion to approve the resolution passed.

7. Other Matters (new/old business)

Ann Speer shared an invitation from her company to a night with Leslie Odem Jr. on June 17th. If anyone is interested, please email Ann directly.

8. Public comment


Program Officer Dana Manyothane thanked and congratulated the Tier I organizations again for their leadership and everything they do for our community. Deborah Jordy agreed.

Councilwoman Kendra Black thanked all the organizations and, as this is her last board meeting, she looks forward to seeing everyone at all the extraordinary programming around town.

James Mejia, CEO at Denver Film Society thanked SCFD and Tier I leadership for their insight, resources, and collaboration.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.


Secretary