

SCFD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 24, 2023
1:00 p.m.
Arvada Center for the Arts & Humanities
Meeting Minutes

SCFD Board members present: Vice-Chair Marcela de la Mar, Treasurer Suzanne Crawford, Secretary Jake Zambrano, Teresa Valerio Parrot, Gino Greco, Dan Brown, Courtney Ozaki

SCFD Board members not present: Chair Raymond Gonzales, Councilwoman Jamie Torres, Jacki Cooper Melmed

SCFD staff present: Deputy Director Jessica Kato, Program Officer Dana Manyothane, Program Officer Tim Murphy, Program Officer Christine Fiedler, Communications Manager Emma Mantooth, Executive Assistant Arlene Hicks

SCFD staff not present: Executive Director Deborah Jordy

1. Introductions and Quorum Determination

Vice Chair Marcela de la Mar called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm followed by introductions. A quorum was present.

2. Welcome from Arvada Center

President and CEO, Philip Sneed, welcomed everyone to the Arvada Center. The facility opened in 1976 and was a department of city government until 2016 when the nonprofit was created. The city of Arvada still owns the land and buildings.

Philip announced three current exhibitions on display until Sunday, August 27. Two focus on drawing, plus Senegalese fashion designer, Oumou Sy, has her costumes on display throughout the building.

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Treasurer Suzanne Crawford motioned to approve the agenda. Gino Greco seconded. Motion to approve the meeting agenda passed unanimously.

4. Approval of July 27, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Teresa Valerio Parrot motioned to approve the July Board Meeting Minutes. Dan Brown seconded. Motion to approve the July Board Meeting minutes passed unanimously.

5. Reports

5.1 Treasurer

Suzanne Crawford reported the June 2023 SCFD sales and use tax revenue was \$7,571,391.48. The 2023 year-to-date (YTD) sales and use tax revenue is \$41,533,779.47. This compares to the YTD 2022 sales and use tax revenue of \$40,714,788.67. The variance is \$818,990.80, a 2.01% increase in YTD 2023 over YTD 2022.

5.2 Chairman

Vice-Chair Marcela de la Mar presented the Chairman's report on behalf of Ray Gonzales. She announced that the September Board meeting will be held at the Northglenn Arts & Humanities' new Parsons Theatre. Members of the seven county cultural councils will be presenting their Tier III funding priorities, process and plans for the 2023 grant cycle.

Additionally, Vice-Chair de la Mar updated that Executive Director Deborah Jordy has returned home under the care of family. She is healing and getting stronger every day. Deborah will focus on getting better for the next few months and will assess her return-to-work plan at a later date.

5.3 Executive Director

In Deborah Jordy's absence, Deputy Director Jessica Kato provided the following updates:

- The Tier III funding process is complete in all counties. In addition to presentations from each county cultural council, the September Board meeting will include Tier III summary statistics from SCFD staff.
- The Engage, Empower, and Connect (EEC) Summit co-hosted by Denver Botanic Gardens and the Collaborative of the SCFD will be held on Tuesday, September 19, at the Denver Botanic Gardens. This year's event will include breakout sessions on Workplace Wellness; Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity and Access; Development in Changing Times and Issues Communication. All the breakout sessions are currently full. Grantees and Board members can still register for the keynote panel of local cultural legends moderated by Westword Editor Patty Calhoun, as well as the networking reception.
- SCFD's 2024 budget will be presented to the Board at next month's meeting. Jessica Kato and Gloria Nedved met with Treasurer Suzanne Crawford to review the budget in preparation for the September meeting.
- Governor Polis and Colorado Creative Industries have chosen Joshua Blanchard as CCI's new Executive Director. He recently served as Summit County Commissioner and Executive Director of Theatre SilCo. He begins his new role on September 5th.

Jessica concluded her report by thanking the Tier II leaders for their upcoming presentations and reminding them of the 6-minute time limit.

6. Tier II 2023 Distribution Certification

6.1 Presentations from Tier II Organizations

Eleven of the 33 Tier II organizations were selected to update the SCFD Board on the following topics:

- How the organization is advancing its diversity, equity, inclusion, and access initiatives
- The organization's collaborations with other SCFD funded organizations across the tiers
- The organization's outreach efforts across the seven-county district

The presentation order was:

1. The Collaborative of the SCFD – Jannett Matusiak, Director
2. Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities – Philip Sneed, President & CEO
3. Thorne Nature Center – Keith Desrosiers, Executive Director
4. Lighthouse Writers Workshop – Michael Henry, Executive Director
5. Museum of Contemporary Art Denver – Nora Burnett Abrams, Director
6. Colorado Railroad Museum – Paul Hammond, Executive Director
7. Opera Colorado – Greg Carpenter, General & Artistic Director
8. Lone Tree Arts Center – Leigh Chandler, Executive Director
9. Lakewood Heritage, Culture & the Arts – Michelle Nierling, Manager
10. Etown – Nick Forster, Co-Founder & CEO
11. Lion Global Foundation – Tom Ruppel, Chief Operating Officer

6.2 Resolution 23-06: Pertaining to Organizations Qualifying for 2023 Tier II Funds

Jake Zambrano motioned to approve the resolution. Gino Greco seconded. Motion to accept and approve Resolution 23-06 passed unanimously.

7. Other Matters (new/old business)

None

8. Public Comment

Mike Yankovich from the Children's Museum shared his appreciation for the new format where one-third of the Tier II grantees made presentations to the Board. His organization was not scheduled to speak but he appreciated the deeper understanding of the work being done by his Tier II colleagues. Secretary Jake Zambrano commended the Tier II leaders in attendance for staying and supporting each other throughout all the presentations.

Teresa Valerio Parrot congratulated Mike Yankovich and the Children's Museum on their 50th anniversary.

Sarah Merrill from the Museum of Contemporary Art expressed gratitude for the multi-year growth of SCFD tax dollars. She asked for insight into what might be expected going forward. Deputy Director Kato said that based on research, the Denver metro area is doing well despite fighting inflation. Continued growth is expected, although not at the same levels experienced in the last two years. Gino Greco stated that the SCFD budget is based on conservative revenue estimates that have allowed for consistent overperformance to budget. He encouraged grantees to apply a similarly conservative approach in their allocation of SCFD funds.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 pm



Secretary