



SCFD Board Meeting

May 28, 2026

1 p.m. meeting

Denver Museum of
Nature and Science

Public packet



SCFD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, May 28, 2026
Denver Museum of Nature & Science
2001 Colorado Blvd. Denver, CO 80205
1 p.m. Board Meeting

AGENDA

DIRECTORS

Councilwoman

Jamie Torres,
Chair
Denver County

Patty Salazar,

Vice-Chair
Governor Appointee

Dan Brown,

Secretary
Douglas County

Amos Kazzaz,

Treasurer
Governor Appointee

Dominick Moreno

Adams County

Randy Perlis

Arapahoe County

Teresa Valerio

Parrot
Boulder County

Allison Scheck

Jefferson County

Deven Shaff

Broomfield County

Tamra Ward

Jacki Cooper

Melmed

Governor Appointees

Andrea Albo

Executive Director

1. Introductions and Quorum Determination
2. Welcome from George Sparks, President & CEO, Denver Museum of Nature & Science
3. Review & Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of April 23, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
5. Reports
 - 5.1 Treasurer
 - 5.2 Chairperson
 - 5.3 Executive Director
6. Tier I 2026 Distribution Certification
 - 6.1 Panel Presentation by Tier I CEOs (6-7 minutes each)
 - 6.2 Resolution 26-04: Pertaining to the 2026 Tier I Budgeted Distribution
7. Other Matters (new/old business)
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment

Next scheduled SCFD Board Meeting

Thursday, July 23, 2026
1 p.m. Board Meeting – online via Zoom

SCFD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 23, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting Minutes

SCFD Board members present: Chair Councilperson Jamie Torres, Vice-Chair Patty Salazar, Treasurer Amos Kazzaz, Secretary Dan Brown, Jacki Cooper Melmed, Tamra Ward, Teresa Valerio Parrot, Randy Perlis, Alli Sheck, Dominick Moreno, Deven Shaff

SCFD staff present: Executive Director Andrea Albo, Deputy Director Jessica Kato, Senior Program Officer Tim Murphy, Program Officer Dana Manyothane, Program Officer Kirsten Lang, Communications Manager Emma Mantooth, Executive Assistant Arlene Hicks

1. Introductions and Quorum Determination

Chair Torres called the meeting to order at 12:59 p.m. A quorum was present. During introductions, each Board member shared their recent arts, culture and/or science experiences.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

Amos Kazzaz moved to approve the meeting agenda. Dan Brown seconded. Motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

3. Oath of Office: Deven Shaff, Broomfield County

Chair Torres and Teresa Valerio Parrot recognized departing Broomfield representative, Suzanne Crawford, for her many years of service.

Chair Torres introduced Suzanne's successor, Deven Shaff. Deven read his Oath of Office and was welcomed by the group.

4. Approval of February 26, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Patty Salazar moved to approve the February Board meeting minutes. Randy Perlis seconded. Motion to approve the February Board meeting minutes passed unanimously.

5. Reports

5.1 Treasurer

Amos Kazzaz explained recent changes to the financial reports and presented a summary of the following:

The February 2026 SCFD sales and use tax revenue was \$6,886,225.53. The 2026 year-to-date (YTD) sales and use tax revenue is \$12,808,113.21. The variance is \$199,213.41, a 1.58% increase in YTD 2026 over YTD 2025.

5.2 Chairperson

Chair Torres thanked everyone who was able to attend the Road to Reauthorization webinar on Wednesday, March 25th and reminded the group that a recording of the webinar, presentation slides and a project overview sheet are available on the "Road to Reauthorization" page of the SCFD website.

She encouraged continued Board member interaction and engagement with SCFD-funded partners to increase visibility, awareness and education throughout the district.

5.3 Executive Director

Andrea Albo began her report by echoing gratitude for Suzanne Crawford's service and welcoming Deven Shaff.

She then provided the following updates:

1. GBSM - Through their early landscape analysis, GBSM noted five early learning themes, listed below and on the SCFD Road to Reauthorization webpage.
 - a. Tier II compression
 - b. Tier III mobility issues
 - c. CCC inconsistencies
 - d. Funding model complexity
 - e. Concerns from funded partners

2. Employee Handbook - With the guidance of Employer's Council and input from staff, updates have been made to the SCFD Employee Handbook. A summary of the changes and the full, revised handbook are included in the April Board packet.

Chair Torres called for a vote to approve the Employee Handbook changes. Tamra Ward made the motion. Patty Salazar seconded. The revised Handbook was unanimously approved.

3. Performance Management Scorecard – In continuation of the staff's work on the 4 Disciplines of Execution (4DX), a scorecard was created to track progress on three strategic objectives focused on SCFD's wildly important goal (WIG) of Reauthorization. Each strategic objective contains three tactics. Andrea presented the scorecard and highlighted the following areas with the reminder that feedback is always welcome:
 - a. Internal Organizational Health
 - i. Approval of the Employee Handbook directly addresses Office Culture – Addressing Burnout.
 - b. External Organizational Health
 - i. To increase Community Relations and Visibility, the staff is creating a community engagement tracker. This information will clarify SCFD's reach and help identify gaps to be addressed.
 - ii. Creation of the Speaker's Bureau is underway. An update is planned for the May Board meeting.
 - c. Board Business
 - i. The Board's assistance with County leadership meetings is appreciated and continued engagement is requested as GBSM moves into the Listening Tour phase of the reauthorization process.

Alli Scheck and Teresa Valerio Parrot congratulated Andrea and staff on the scorecard. They also requested a Board development session to clarify messaging to County leaders and ways the Board can best support reauthorization efforts.

6. 2026 Tier III Budgeted Distribution

6.1 Resolution 26-03: Pertaining to the 2026 Tier III Budgeted Distribution

Chair Torres presented the 2026 Tier III Budgeted Distribution. Teresa Valerio Parrot motioned to approve the resolution and Amos Kazzaz seconded. Approval of Resolution 26-03 passed unanimously.

7. Other Matters (new/old business)

None

8. Public Comment

Shannon Robb from Denver Art Museum highlighted their upcoming Dia del Niño events and also encouraged attendance for “The Stars We Do Not See” exhibit, which is the largest exhibition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art ever presented in North America. It is on display until July 26th.

Suzanne Yoe from the Denver Center for the Performing Arts shared highlights from a patron letter about DCPA’s production of “Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors”. It showcased the [connection between theatre and mental health](#).

9. Executive Session pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4)(f)(I), C.R.S, to discuss personnel matters.

Tamra Ward moved to transition the Board to Executive Session. Dan Brown seconded. With unanimous approval, the Board transitioned to Executive Session at 1:50 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 2:22 p.m.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.



Secretary

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Tier I Presentation Schedule:

1. **Denver Museum of Nature & Science** | George Sparks, President and CEO
2. **Denver Art Museum** | Christoph Heinrich, Frederick and Jan Mayer Director
3. **Denver Center for the Performing Arts** | Janice Sinden, President and CEO
4. **Denver Botanic Gardens** | Donna McGinnis, CEO
5. **Denver Zoo Conservation Alliance** | Cristal Torres DeHerrera, President & CEO

**A Resolution of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District
Pertaining to 2026 Tier I Budgeted Distribution**

WHEREAS, C.R.S. §32-13-107(3)(a)(I), (II) and (III) direct the distribution of funds by formula to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, the Denver Zoo Conservation Alliance, the Denver Art Museum, the Denver Center for Performing Arts, and the Denver Botanic Gardens, collectively known as Tier I organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Tier I scientific and cultural facilities submitted their annual certification reports and made presentations to the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District Board of Directors on the actual use of the 2025 Funds and proposed use of the 2026 Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Tier I organizations have demonstrated compliance with SCFD statutory requirements and reporting requirements established by the Board;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. To authorize the distribution of \$50,904,800.00¹ in collected sales and use tax in the following distribution pursuant to the 2026 SCFD budget and revenue:

Organization	% of Tier I Revenue	Total Revenue
DMNS	24.50%	\$12,471,676.00
DZCA	24.24%	\$12,339,323.52
DAM	20.33%	\$10,348,945.84
DCPA	17.68%	\$8,999,968.64
DBG	13.25%	\$6,744,886.00
TOTAL	100%	\$50,904,800.00

Introduced and approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District, the 28th day of May 2026.

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary

¹ Distributions are based on SCFD Board budgeted revenue and may be modified in accordance with actual revenue collected. Total budgeted 2026 Revenue = \$86,000,000. \$38,000,000 - \$570,000 (1.5% for admin.) = \$37,430,000 in distributable funds up to \$38M. \$37,430,00 x .64 = \$23,955,200. Above \$38M: \$48,000,000 - \$720,000 (1.5% for admin) = \$47,280,000 x .57 = \$26,949,600 in distributable funds over \$38M. \$23,955,200 + \$26,949,600 = Total **budgeted** Tier I distribution of \$50,904,800.