



SCFD Board Meeting

August 27, 2026

Lone Tree Arts Center,
Event Hall

1 p.m. meeting

Public packet



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Executive Director

SCFD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, August 27, 2026

Lone Tree Arts Center, Event Hall

10075 Commons St., Lone Tree, CO 80124

1 p.m. Board Meeting

AGENDA

1. Introductions and Quorum Determination
2. Welcome from Leigh Chandler, Executive Director, Lone Tree Arts Center
3. Review & Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of July 23, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
5. Reports
 - 5.1 Treasurer
 - 5.2 Chairperson
 - 5.3 Executive Director
6. Tier II 2026 Distribution Certification
 - 6.1 Presentations from Tier II organizations (5 min. per organization)
 - 6.1.1 Group 1
 - 6.1.2 Group 2
 - 6.2 Resolution 26-06: Pertaining to Organizations Qualifying for 2026 Tier II Funds
7. Other Matters (new/old business)
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment

*** 10 minute break ***

Please join us in the lobby after the meeting for a reception hosted by the Collaborative of the SCFD

Next scheduled SCFD Board Meeting

Thursday, September 24, 2026 at Broomfield Auditorium

1 DesCombes Drive, Broomfield, CO 80020

1 p.m. meeting

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

SCFD Board members present: Chairperson Councilperson Jamie Torres, Treasurer Amos Kazzaz, Jacki Cooper Melmed, Tamra Ward, Teresa Valerio Parrot, Randy Perlis, Alli Sheck, Dominick Moreno, Deven Shaff

SCFD Board members not present: Vice-Chair Patty Salazar, Secretary Dan Brown

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

SCFD staff not present: Program Officer Kirsten Lang

1. Introductions and Quorum Determination

Chairperson Jamie Torres called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. A quorum was present. During introductions, each Board member shared their recent arts, culture and/or science experiences.

2. Review & Approval of Agenda

Tamra Ward moved to approve the meeting agenda. Jacki Cooper Melmed seconded. Motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

3. Approval of May 28, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Alli Scheck moved to approve the May Board meeting minutes. Teresa Valerio Parrot seconded. Motion to approve the May Board meeting minutes passed unanimously.

4. Reports

4.1 Treasurer

Amos Kazzaz shared that he and SCFD leadership are looking at different product options with COLOTRUST and US Bank to improve returns and reduce fees. He also presented a summary of the following:

The May 2026 SCFD sales and use tax revenue was \$7,464,891.25. The 2026 year-to-date (YTD) sales and use tax revenue is \$35,061,021.03. The variance is \$649,667.25, a 1.89% increase in YTD 2026 over YTD 2025.

4.2 Chairperson

Chairperson Torres began her report announcing that Dominick Moreno and Deven Shaff are leading the Nominating Committee to identify Executive Officers for 2027. More information about next year's officer roles will be shared in the coming months.

Teresa Valerio Parrot and Tamra Ward have volunteered to oversee Board Engagement strategy in conjunction with the developing Speakers' Bureau.

Board members were reminded to complete the engagement survey to help identify areas of interest and capacity for this work.

Chairperson Torres thanked all who were able to attend the Reauthorization Stakeholder Engagement Community Workshops throughout the District. Two sessions remain and they are both virtual: Mon. August 3rd at 3:00 p.m. and Tues. August 4th at 9:00 a.m. You can register to participate on the SCFD website.

To conclude her report, Chairperson Torres mentioned that SCFD Bylaws are currently under review for updates and revisions. More information will be shared with the Board in the coming months.

5.3 Executive Director

Andrea Albo began her report with gratitude for everyone's participation in the Reauthorization Stakeholder Engagement process. As of July 22nd, in-person Community Workshops were completed in each of SCFD's seven counties, as part of Phase 2 in the timeline with GBSM. The attendance of Board members, funded partners, elected officials and County Cultural has provided valuable feedback and insight. Approximately two-thirds of SCFD grantees have participated to date. Andrea echoed Chairperson Torres's invitation to attend one of the remaining virtual workshops in early August and to encourage other stakeholders to participate.

Phase 2 will also include a grantee survey and creation of a Stakeholder Advisory Group. This Phase is expected to continue through the remainder of 2026.

SCFD's overall work with GBSM is currently on track and under budget.

The Executive Director report continued with the following updates:

- SCFD has hired a Director of Finance and Administration (DFA). Heidi Messer's first day on staff is August 17th. Heidi joins SCFD from the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce where she was Director of Accounting. Her experience also includes LiveWell Colorado and previous accounting work with SCFD and Gloria Nedved.

Many thanks to Gloria for her decades of dedication to the district and for her assistance with Heidi's onboarding and transition. Thanks also to Amos Kazzaz for his participation in the hiring process.

- Performance management scorecard highlights:
 - Internal Organizational Development
 - Staff summer break implemented July 2-6 to address burnout
 - New DFA position hired to balance workloads and improve processes
 - External Organizational Development
 - Creation of a data tracker for community touchpoints is underway

- Enhancement of Fluxx to capture additional grantee meetings and site visits
- Continued development of Speakers Bureau
- Board Business
 - Identification of Board Engagement leads Tamra Ward and Teresa Valerio Parrot
 - Board survey distributed to gain feedback on areas of interest

5. Fiscal Year 2025 Audit & Resolution

5.1 Report by SCFD Auditor John Paul LeChevallier, CPA, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

For SCFD's 2025 fiscal year, CliftonLarsonAllen issued an unmodified (clean) audit opinion, which is the highest level of opinion an organization can receive. No audit adjustments were needed and no material weaknesses, significant issues or other deficiencies in internal controls were identified.

John Paul recognized the SCFD team for sound financial management and controls that allowed for a smooth audit process.

In 2025, \$87 million in sales and use taxes were distributed to SCFD grantees.

5.2 Resolution 26-05: Pertaining to Acceptance & Approval of Fiscal Year 2025 SCFD Audit

Chairperson Torres presented Resolution 26-05. Amos Kazzaz motioned to approve, and Jacki Cooper Melmed seconded. Approval of Resolution 26-05 passed unanimously.

6. 2026 Legislative Session recap by Fofi Mendez, Mendez, Barkis & Associates

Fofi Mendez presented an overview of the themes, issues and legislative seat changes during the 75th Colorado General Assembly, as well as a summary of the Colorado primary results.

SCFD brand awareness is strong at the Capitol, with positive reception among legislators, regardless of chamber or party. In 2026, Mendez, Barkis and Associates focused on three areas:

1. Individual Meet and Greets for Andrea Albo and various legislators. A total of 21 meetings were held between November 2025 and February 2026 with elected officials from every SCFD county except Broomfield.

To continue relationship building and expanding awareness, additional Meet and Greets are currently being scheduled.

2. Monitoring bills that could impact SCFD revenue. Nineteen pieces of legislation were watched this year. Due to budget constraints, any bills that might have affected SCFD sales and use tax revenue were postponed indefinitely.

3. SCFD Day at the Capitol. The February 24, 2026, event included a gubernatorial proclamation, tributes in both the House of Representatives and Senate Chamber, and strong attendance during the grantee reception.

Fofi concluded her presentation stating that SCFD is “well loved” at the state Capitol. Deven Shaff offered his assistance to arrange Meet and Greet with Broomfield County legislators.

7. Other Matters (new/old business)

Chairperson Torres congratulated Andrea Albo on her recent honors:

- Latinas First Foundation Trailblazer award winner
- Colorado Women’s Chamber of Commerce Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Business

8. Public Comment

Shannon Robb, Denver Art Museum (DAM), encouraged the group to visit “The Stars We Do Not See: Australian Indigenous Art” exhibit. It is closing soon and many of the pieces have never been seen outside Australia. Additionally, DAM is hosting several free events for Colorado Day on August 1st.

Paul Hammond, Colorado Railroad Museum mentioned their first bilingual exhibit, “Traqueros: Mexican Trackworkers and the American Railroad” has become the museum’s most popular and publicized exhibit with 275 million impressions. It is also included among the list of 250/150 celebrations for our nation and state.

Janice Sinden, Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA), expressed her appreciation of the Community Workshops on the Road to Reauthorization. She also announced that Phamaly Theatre Company presents “504: The Musical” from August 6th – 23rd in DCPA’s Kilstrom Theater. “Destiny of Desire – a Telenovela Play with Music” runs from September 11th – October 4th in the Wolf Theater.

Tariana Navas-Nieves, Denver Arts & Venues (DAV), shared that the Loretto Heights Theatre will have its renovation groundbreaking on July 24th. The space is expected to open in 2028 and benefit many cultural organizations and community groups.

Tina Martinez, Denver Museum of Nature and Science (DMNS), announced that the 2026 Educator’s Night will be September 23rd. Over 1,500 teachers typically attend this event to interact with SCFD-funded partners and learn about resources available to schools. Free registration is available on the [DMNS website](#).

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.



Chairperson

2026 Tier II Board presentation list

August 27, 2026

Group 1

1. Opera Colorado
2. South Suburban Parks and Recreation -Nature Department
3. eTown
4. Thorne Ecological Institute
5. Lighthouse Writers Workshop
6. Lion Global Foundation

Group 2

7. Museum of Contemporary Art Denver
8. Friends of Levitt Pavilion Denver
9. City of Lone Tree Cultural Services Division
10. Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities
11. Colorado Railroad Museum
12. Lakewood Heritage, Culture & the Arts

RESOLUTION NO. 26-06

**A Resolution of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District
Pertaining to Organizations Qualifying for 2026 Tier II Funds**

WHEREAS, 36 organizations submitted annual applications by the June 10, 2026 deadline to the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District for 2026 funding as specified under C.R.S. §32-13-107(3)(b); and

WHEREAS, several organizations made presentations to the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District Board of Directors and each submitted information on the actual use of the 2025 SCFD funds and proposed use of the 2026 SCFD funds as required by the District; and

WHEREAS, each organization below has met statutory criteria for SCFD eligibility to receive the funds as described in C.R.S. §32-13-107(3)(b).

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

Section 1. To approve the scheduled distribution of funds as set forth in the table below. This schedule of board approved, budgeted 2026 distributions is subject to modification based upon actual revenue collected.

Organization	Total Funds
Art Students League of Denver	\$242,141.21
Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities	\$1,296,797.97
Cal Wood Education Center	\$186,327.21
Central City Opera	\$434,400.84
Cherry Arts	\$188,954.72
Children's Museum of Denver	\$1,726,066.96
City of Aurora Cultural Services Division	\$408,023.13
City of Lakewood Heritage, Culture & the Arts	\$440,579.59
City of Lone Tree Cultural Services Division	\$331,866.48
City of Longmont Museum	\$257,105.69
Clyfford Still Museum	\$393,058.66
Colorado Ballet	\$1,355,157.37
Colorado Chautauqua Association	\$1,178,026.43
Colorado Children's Chorale	\$206,546.70
Colorado Mountain Club	\$187,805.18
Colorado Music Festival & Center for Musical Arts	\$296,313.02
Colorado Railroad Museum	\$459,526.38
Colorado Symphony Association	\$1,736,371.71
Dairy Center for the Arts	\$315,834.58
Denver Film Society	\$774,149.84

Etown	\$185,157.15
Friends of Levitt Pavilion	\$157,465.69
Lighthouse Writers Workshop	\$264,146.58
Lion Global Foundation dba Mizel Museum	\$727,901.60
Mizel Arts and Culture Center	\$550,360.12
Museum of Contemporary Art Denver	\$323,080.75
Opera Colorado	\$317,292.02
Parlando	\$673,237.14
Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory	\$667,674.21
Rocky Mountain Butterfly Consortium	\$1,311,290.31
South Suburban Nature Department	\$479,684.28
Swallow Hill Music Association	\$844,661.46
Thorne Ecological Institute	\$208,435.22
Town of Parker Cultural Department	\$636,616.26
Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum	\$632,428.67
Wonderbound	\$132,914.92

\$20,527,400.00

Introduced and approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District, the 27th day of August 2026.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Secretary