



SCFD Board Meeting

September 24, 2026

Broomfield Auditorium

1 p.m. meeting

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Andrea Albo

Executive Director

SCFD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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3 Community Park Road, Broomfield, CO 80020

1 p.m. Board Meeting

AGENDA

1. Introductions and Quorum Determination
2. Welcome from City and County of Broomfield
3. Review & Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of August 27, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
5. Reports
 - 5.1 Treasurer
 - 5.2 Chairperson
 - 5.3 Executive Director
6. Board Engagement Updates
 - 6.1 Engagement Committee
 - 6.2 Speakers Bureau training
7. Proposed FY 2027 Budget Presentation
8. Tier III 2026 Distribution
 - 8.1 Tier III Summary & County Funding Plans
 - 8.2 County Cultural Council Presentations (5 min. each)
 - 8.3 Resolution 26-07: Pertaining to Distribution of 2026 Tier III Funds
9. Other Matters (new/old business)
10. Public Comment
11. Adjournment

Next scheduled SCFD Board Meeting

Thursday, October 22, 2026

1 p.m. virtual meeting

SCFD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 27, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.
Lone Tree Arts Center
Meeting Minutes

SCFD Board members present: Chairperson Councilperson Jamie Torres, Treasurer Amos Kazzaz, Secretary Dan Brown, Tamra Ward, Randy Perlis, Alli Sheck, Dominick Moreno, Deven Shaff

SCFD Board members not present: Vice-Chair Patty Salazar, Jacki Cooper Melmed, Teresa Valerio Parrot

SCFD staff present: Executive Director Andrea Albo, Deputy Director Jessica Kato, Director of Finance and Administration Heidi Messer, 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

Chairperson Jamie Torres called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. A quorum was present. During introductions, each Board member shared their recent arts, culture and/or science experiences. Each member of the audience also introduced themselves and their organizations.

2. Welcome from Leigh Chandler, Executive Director, Lone Tree Arts Center

3. Review & Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of July 23, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Alli Scheck moved to approve the July Board meeting minutes. Tamra Ward seconded. Motion to approve the July Board meeting minutes passed unanimously.

5. Reports

5.1 Treasurer

Amos Kazzaz shared that the work to improve interest income through COLOTRUST investment options continues, and he's working with SCFD leadership on the 2027 budget which will be presented at the September Board meeting. Amos also provided a summary of the following:

The June 2026 SCFD sales and use tax revenue was \$8,106,353.16. The 2026 year-to-date (YTD) sales and use tax revenue is \$43,167,374.19. The variance is \$1,193,070.79, a 2.84% increase in YTD 2026 over YTD 2025.

5.2 Chairperson

Chairperson Torres thanked everyone who joined the Road to Reauthorization community listening sessions held in July and August and recognized the efforts

of GBSM and the SCFD team. A summary of the listening sessions is underway and will be presented soon.

Chairperson Torres also invited the Board to the September 14th Engage-Empower-Connect (EEC) summit at Denver Botanic Gardens (DBG). New this year, the Rex Morgan Award Ceremony will follow the EEC under the outdoor tent at the gardens.

5.3 Executive Director

Andrea Albo began her report echoing gratitude for the over 300 attendees at the nine Reauthorization Community Workshops throughout the district. For anyone unable to attend either in-person or virtually, there will be additional opportunities to provide feedback via a survey questionnaire and creation of an advisory group that will be representative of all tiers, all counties and lots of diverse perspectives.

The Executive Director report continued with the following updates:

- SCFD's new Director of Finance and Administration (DFA), Heidi Messer was introduced and recognition was given to Gloria Nedved for her decades of dedication to the district and for her assistance with Heidi's onboarding and transition.
- The September 14th EEC Summit at DBG is sold out, but it's still possible to register for the Rex Morgan Awards that evening where members of our community will be honored for organizational innovation and collaboration, civic engagement and volunteerism, and lifetime achievement.

Executive Director Albo asked staff member, Arlene Hicks, for a cybersecurity report:

SCFD's insurance policy maintains an increased level of cybersecurity protection because of annual updates such as these.

- There has been no change to the very minimal personally identifiable information (PII) that is stored by SCFD.
- Regular operating system updates, antivirus, Endpoint Detection and Response, and Ransomware protection are currently in place for SCFD computers through the contract with Interconnected Technologies.
- SCFD's email system currently has Microsoft 365 and Graphus security.
- In the second half of 2026, Interconnected will implement two significant security upgrades: Kaseya Managed Detection and Response, which is a monitored service working 24/7/365 to identify threats; and INKY email security, which will replace Graphus.
- Email encryption, Security Awareness Training and Dark Web ID services are also being explored by Interconnected and SCFD leadership.

There were no questions from the Board at the conclusion of the cybersecurity report.

6. Tier II 2026 Distribution Certification

6.1 Presentations from Tier II organizations

Approximately one-third of Tier II organizations were asked to report about:

1. Identify how your organization is deepening regional access and collaborations across the district.
2. Identify how your organization is addressing resiliency and stability as we look ahead.
3. Please share an initiative or program that demonstrates regional community impact.

6.1.1 Group 1 presenters

- Opera Colorado - Barbara Lynne Jamison, Artistic Director & CEO
- South Suburban Parks and Recreation - Nature Department - Nicole Stehlik, Deputy Executive Director
- eTown - Devon Forster, Director of Community Development and Outreach
- Thorne Ecological Institute - Jill Fricker, Executive Director
- Lighthouse Writers Workshop - Mike Henry, Executive Director
- Lion Global Foundation - Tom Ruppel, Chief Operating Officer

A 10-minute break was taken at the conclusion of Group 1 presentations. Group 2 presentations began at 2:43 p.m.

6.1.2 Group 2 presenters

- Museum of Contemporary Art Denver - Anthony Kiendl, Mark G. Falcone Director
- Friends of Levitt Pavilion Denver - Meghan McNamara, President & CEO
- City of Lone Tree Cultural Services Division - Leigh Chandler, Executive Director
- Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities - Noelle DeLage, President & CEO
- Colorado Railroad Museum - Paul Hammond, Executive Director
- Lakewood Heritage, Culture & the Arts - Michelle Nierling, Manager

After each presentation, Board members asked questions and engaged in a brief dialogue with the speakers.

6.2 Resolution 26-06: Pertaining to Organizations Qualifying for 2026 Tier II Funds

Chairperson Torres presented Resolution 26-06. Amos Kazzaz motioned to approve, and Dominick Moreno seconded. Prior to voting, Alli Scheck expressed a vital need to explore revised funding options for Tier II as the number of organizations within this Tier continue to grow.

After acknowledging Alli Scheck's comment, Chairperson Torres called for a vote and Resolution 26-06 was unanimously approved.

7. Other Matters (new/old business)

None

8. Public Comment

Lisa Rigsby Peterson, City of Aurora, expressed appreciation for the presentations and the efforts of her fellow Tier II organizations. She also stated that the work being done in the community is beyond financials and metrics and is about making human connections. Lisa suggested that future Tier II presenters are allowed to bring someone whose life has been transformed by their work as a demonstration of impact and to inject fun and joy into the presentations.

9. Adjournment

Chairperson Torres invited the Board and audience to a reception in the lobby hosted by the Collaborative of the SCFD. The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel W. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "D" at the beginning.

Secretary

County Cultural Council presentations to the SCFD Board

September 24, 2026

1. Boulder County, **Gwen Burak**, Chair
2. Broomfield County, **Mackenzie Carignan**, Chair
3. Adams County, **Joyce Downing**, Chair
4. Jefferson County, **Kimber Smith**, Chair
5. Denver County, **Suzi Q Smith**, Chair
6. Arapahoe County, **Stephanie Spriggs**, Chair
7. Douglas County, **Jim Mulvey**, Chair

**A Resolution of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District
Pertaining to Distribution of 2026 Tier III Funds**

WHEREAS, Tier III eligible organizations have submitted grant applications in compliance with C.R.S. §32-13-107(3)(c)(I)(A), (B) and (C); and

WHEREAS, the County Cultural Councils have prepared their annual funding plans in accordance with C.R.S. §32-13-107(3)(c)(II); and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Douglas and Jefferson Counties and the City Councils in Broomfield and Denver Counties support their respective County Cultural Councils' annual funding plans prior to submission of the funding plans to the District Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. §32-13-107(3)(c)(II) authorizes the District Board of Directors to approve the 2026 annual funding plans submitted pursuant to statute;

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

Section 1. To approve the distribution of funds as set forth in the annual funding plans pending the fulfillment by each organization of any outstanding obligations, eligibility requirements, restrictions or advisements.

Section 2. To distribute per each county annual funding plan, excluding any unallocated rollover or carry forward funds noted on its annual funding plan, the amounts specified below:

Adams	\$2,317,523.66
Arapahoe	\$2,621,753.14
Boulder	\$1,275,124.63
Broomfield	\$ 327,338.03
Denver	\$3,693,210.22
Douglas	\$1,351,978.76
Jefferson	<u>\$2,105,359.72</u>
Total	\$13,692,288.16

Introduced and approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District, the 24th day of September 2026.

Chairperson

Secretary