

SOUTH DAKOTA ARTS COUNCIL

Minutes of the May 14, 2025, meeting

Virtual Meeting

Audio at: <https://www.sd.net/blogs/archive/5142025-sd-art-council-meeting/>

1. Call to Order – SDAC Chairman Joanna Lawler called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. CDT.

A. Roll Call: Council members present were Mary Bordeaux, John Mogen, Jane Rasmussen, Nan Venhuizen, and Jim Walker and Lawler. Council member Cristen Roghair joined the meeting at 10:06 am. Council member Dohui Kim was absent. Also present were SDAC staff members Patrick Baker, Rebecca Cruse, Kathryn Vandel, Sarah Carlson, Traditional Arts Consultant Anne Hatch, and strategic consultants Jessica Fiala and Greta Rudolph

B. Conflict of Interest reminder: All Council members must submit the conflict of interest and affiliations forms to SDAC staff, even if they did not serve on a panel.

2. Public Comment Period – No public comment was submitted or given.

3. Approval of Oct. 16, 2024, minutes – Venhuizen, Council secretary presented the minutes of the Council's last meeting.

Action: Rasmussen made a motion to approve the minutes, Mogen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

4. Treasurer's Report – Baker presented the financial report on behalf of Treasurer Kim.

5. Roster Programs Planning Assessment – 8 Bridges consultants presented information about the planned evaluation and assessment of the Touring Arts and Artists in Schools & Communities programs.

6. Arts Challenge Program Changes (2nd reading) – Baker and Vandel presented the proposed program changes.

A. Tiered system for Arts Challenge grant applications

Action: Walker made a motion to approve a 4-tiered system for applicants in the operational support category. Venhuizen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Proposed adjustments for Arts Challenge grant program

Action: Walker moved to approve program adjustments as presented by SDAC staff. Mogen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

7. Project Grant Program Changes (2nd reading) – Baker and Vandel presented the proposed program changes.

Action: *Venhuizen made a motion to approve proposed changes to the project grants program as presented by SDAC staff. Bordeaux seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.*

8. Review of Panel Recommendations for FY26 Grants –

A. Panel reports and recommendations: Lawler presented the panel recommendation for the Artist Career Development grants; Venhuizen presented the panel recommendation for Fellowships and Artist Collaboration grants; Vandel presented the Project Grant 1 panel recommendation on behalf of Kim; Bordeaux presented the Project Grant 2 recommendation; Hatch presented the Traditional Arts Apprenticeship panel recommendation on behalf of Mogen.

B. Staff report - select grants, initiatives, and special projects: Baker presented the funding recommendations for initiatives, special projects, and interim grant projects that are not part of the panel review process.

9. Consideration of FY26 SDAC Grants, Initiatives, and Special Projects Budget –

Baker presented the full FY26 proposed budget, including all grants, initiatives, and special projects, totaling \$1,973,152.50

Action: *Walker made a motion to approve the recommended FY26 Grants, Initiatives and Special Projects budget, contingent upon NEA funding approval. Mogen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

10. Reports –

- a. Update on automated grant payment policy – Vandel
- b. Poetry Out Loud – Cruse
- c. Congressional Art Competition– Report included in packet material
- d. Traditional Arts Program
- e. NASAA – Report included in packet material
- f. NEA – Report included in packet material
- g. Arts Midwest – Report included in packet material
- h. Arts South Dakota – Report included in packet material

11. Calendar – Baker presented the calendar noting the Summer Council meeting July 25 in Vermillion.

9. Adjournment – Lawler adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m. CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Cruse, recording secretary

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