

SOUTH DAKOTA ARTS COUNCIL

Minutes of the July 23, 2026 Meeting

1 pm CDT / noon pm. MDT

Main entry-level conference room, Dolly-Reed Plaza, 711 E. Wells Ave., Pierre, SD 57501

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Joanna Lawler called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm CDT.

Council members present: Joanna Lawler, Mary Bordeaux, Sara Mulder, Missy Sinner, Cristen Roghair, Tim Meagher, Greg Hanson, and Jim Walker.

Council members absent: Dohui Kim, John Mogen, and Joshua Spies.

Staff present: Patrick Baker, Sarah Carlson, Holly Briggs, and Kate Vandel.

Guests: Ariadne Albright, Anne Hatch, and 8 Bridges Workshop.

A quorum was established.

II. Public Comment Period

Chair Lawler called for public comments. No public comments were offered.

III. Consideration of May 14, 2026 Minutes

The May 14, 2026 meeting minutes were presented for approval.

Action: Walker moved to approve the minutes as presented. Roghair seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Grants Manager, Kate Vandel, presented the FY26 financial overview and explained that staff was preparing to launch the FY27 fiscal year.

V. Business of the Day

A. Formation of SDAC Nominating Committee

Chair Joanna Lawler introduced the formation of a nominating committee to assist with the selection of officers for the South Dakota Arts Council. Bordeaux and Mulder volunteered to support the effort.

B. Study of Minor Sponsorship/Granting Program

Grant Specialist, Holly Briggs presented information regarding the potential development of a small sponsorship or granting opportunity. The board discussed the concept and considerations for how a smaller-scale funding program could complement SDAC's existing grant programs.

No formal action was taken.

C. Study of Granting to Individuals Pursuing Academic Credit

Briggs presented information regarding SDAC funding for individuals whose proposed activities may also involve academic credit. Board discussion considered how such requests relate to existing grant eligibility requirements and the appropriate use of SDAC grant funds.

No formal action was taken.

D. Rollout of Visiting Artist Program

SDAC staff provided an update on implementation of the new Visiting Artist Program, which consolidates the former Artists in Schools and Communities and Touring Arts programs.

Staff reviewed the new application and reimbursement process, host organization responsibilities, and communication and outreach efforts supporting the program rollout.

VI. Adjournment

Chair Lawler adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Vandel, Recording Secretary