



ARTS & CULTURE

San Antonio Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Plaza de Armas Building
Culture Commons
115 Plaza de Armas

Members Present

D1 Arthur Campsey
D2 Maria Williams
D5 Mari Sandoval
D6 Janie Villarreal-McClinchie
D9 Freda Facey
M. Rene Barilleaux
M. Suhail Arastu
M. Jessica Sanchez
M. Linda Hardberger

Members Absent

D3 Yadhira Lozano
D4 Susana Segura
D7 Ellen Clark
D8 Henry Brun
D10 Mark Rogers
M. Eileen Kret

Staff

Krystal Jones
Diana Hidalgo
Christina Hernandez
Jordyn Patrias
Christine Hill
Brianna Kirkham
Thu Nguyen
Sonia Covarrubias

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Barilleaux 9:09 a.m. The roll call was taken by Sonia Covarrubias and a quorum was present.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the San Antonio Arts Commission meeting on December 10, 2024

Motion: Campsey moved to approve. Villarreal-McClinchie seconded the motion.

Public Comments: None

Commission: None

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Campsey, Williams, Sandoval, Villarreal-McClinchie, Facey, Barilleaux, Arastu, Sanchez, Hardberger

Absent: Lozano, Segura, Clark, Brun, Rogers, Kret

2. San Antonio Arts Commission - Committee Member Appointments (Action)

Hidalgo reviewed the San Antonio Arts Commission (SAAC) Bylaws emphasizing on the appointment of committee members. Committee appointments may include current SAAC members not serving on a committee and non-SAAC members. The current SAAC Committees as follows: Arts Funding Committee, Public Art Committee, Film, Music & Performing Arts Committee, and Centro de Artes Committee. Hidalgo stated the

respective committee Chair's made the recommendations and the SAAC Chair approved the recommendations for the full Commission to vote on.

Arts Funding Committee

Tim Hedgepeth (Ad-hoc reappointment)

Rita Sutton (Ad-hoc new member)

Centro de Artes Committee

Mari Sandoval (SAAC)

Gabriella Scott (Ad-hoc reappointment)

Performing Arts, Film & Music Committee

Janie Villarreal-McClinchie (SAAC)

Cristina Flores (Ad-hoc new member)

Leyvia Garcia (Ad-hoc new member)

Public Art Committee

Ashley Mireles (Ad-hoc new member)

Wendellyn Miller (Ad-hoc new member)

Motion: Sanchez moved to approve the appointments of Committee Members, as presented. Arastu seconded the motion.

Public Comments: None

Commission Discussion: None

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Campsey, Williams, Sandoval, Villarreal-McClinchie, Facey, Barilleaux, Arastu, Sanchez, Hardberger

Absent: Lozano, Segura, Clark, Brun, Rogers, Kret

3. Public Art: San Antonio International Airport (SAT) Terminal Development Program Public Art Program Project Initiation (Briefing)

Patrias briefed the commission on the San Antonio International Airport plan for expansion including construction of a new terminal, renovation of Terminal A, and capital improvement to meet the needs of the community and South Texas Region. Renderings on the terminal development plan, plan map, and the new terminal plan were displayed.

Patrias identified public art throughout the airport indicating all opportunities will align with the public art program strategy. Program schedule milestone completion dates were shared.

Commission Discussion:

Arastu expressed interest in including sound, experiential art at the airport. Patrias indicated performing arts will be considered along with digital.

Jones indicated the Arts and Culture Team is meeting with other airports and their public art teams and attended Arts in the Airport Workshops to discuss trends and to gather ideas for integrating arts into airports. Jones also encourage Commissioners to take pictures of art and art signage they like at other airport and requested the images be sent to the Arts and Culture Team.

4. Performing Arts, Film and Music: Active Supplemental San Antonio Film Incentive Program Application (Briefing)

Hill provided an overview of the Supplemental San Antonio Film Incentive (SSAI) including the program requirements. Hill informed receipt of an application from *Machina Cinema*. Performing Arts, Film and Music Committee approved the application. Next steps were provided.

Commission Discussion:

Barilleaux inquired if the award is given after movie completion. Hill confirmed and indicated an audit will determine expenses are legitimate. Hardberger asked who the award recipient is? Hill indicated *Machina Cinema*, the San Antonio-based production company who is making the film will receive the rebate check for eligible expenditures incurred during production.

Jones stated *Machina Cinema* is a locally based production company that is involved in Alamo Arts Academy and Bexar County Film Festival for high school students.

Public Comments

None

Announcements and Reports

Performing Arts, Film and Music Committee: Season 2 of “1923” Release Date

Hill announced the “1923” Season 2 will be released February 23 streaming on Paramount +. A link to the trailer will be sent in an email.

Director’s Report: Confluence of Cultures: *Nuestra Gente, Cultura y Comida* Opening Reception

Jones invited the Commission to attend *Nuestra Gente, Cultura y Comida* opening reception on Thursday, February 13 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Department Updates

Jones introduced two new department staff: Brianna Kirkham, Marketing and Communications Manager and Thu Nguyen, Public Art Project Manager.

Jones also provided the Commissioners folders including a department overview, committee and commission member list, 2025 meeting schedule, SAAC bylaws, and a list of all department grantees.

Upcoming Events

Arastu announced Musical Bridges Around the World performed seven concerts at Mexico City and invited all to the Jo Long Theater at the Carver Community Cultural Center for music by the *Kenny Barron Trio*.

Hidalgo pointed out commissioners received a Dining with Rolando Briseño exhibition catalog.

Adjournment

Motion: Arastu motioned to adjourn the San Antonio Arts Commission meeting and Facey seconded the motion.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Campsey, Williams, Sandoval, Villarreal-McClinchie, Facey, Barilleaux, Arastu, Sanchez, Hardberger

Absent: Lozano, Segura, Clark, Brun, Rogers, Kret

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.