



## ARTS & CULTURE

### San Antonio Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 8, 2023  
9:00 a.m.

Plaza de Armas Building  
Culture Commons  
115 Plaza de Armas

#### **Members Present**

D2 Maria Williams  
D4 Susana Segura  
D6 Emily Fleisher  
D8 Henry Brun  
D9 Freda Facey  
D10 Dr. Mark Rogers  
M. Rene Barilleaux  
M. Suhail Arastu  
M. Eileen Kret

#### **Members Absent**

D1 Andi Rodriguez  
D3 Yadhira Lozano  
D5 Andy Benavides  
D7 Dr. Ellen Riojas Clark  
M. Jessica Sanchez  
M. Linda Hardberger

#### **Staff**

Krystal Jones  
Diana Hidalgo  
Lisa Biediger  
Ellen Goos-Hockaday  
Victoria Garcia  
Christine Hill  
Jennifer Chowning  
Sonia Covarrubias

#### **Call to Order / Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Rene Barilleaux, Chair at 9:05 a.m. The roll call was taken by Sonia Covarrubias and a quorum was present.

#### **1. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

*Motion:* Kret moved to approve. Brun seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Williams, Segura, Fleisher, Brun, Facey, Rogers, Barilleaux, Arastu, Kret

Absent: Rodriguez, Lozano, Benavides, Clark, Sanchez, Hardberger

#### **2. Arts Funding: FY24 Performing Arts Venue Facility Improvement Grant Funding Recommendations (Action)**

Goos-Hockaday provided background on the performing arts venue facility improvement grant, eligibility, process, timeline and presented the funding recommendations.

*Public Comments:* None

*Commission Discussion:* None

*Motion:* Rogers moved to approve funding recommendations for the FY24 performing arts venue facility improvement grant except for Alamo Performing Arts, Esperanza Peace and Justice

Center, and Network for Young Artists, as presented. Facey seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Williams, Segura, Fleisher, Brun, Facey, Rogers, Barilleaux, Arastu, Kret

Absent: Rodriguez, Lozano, Benavides, Clark, Sanchez, Hardberger

Segura recused herself from voting on FY24 performing arts venue facility improvement grant for Esperanza Peace and Justice Center.

*Motion:* Brun moved to approve funding recommendations for the FY24 performing arts venue facility improvement grant for Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, as presented. Kret seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Williams, Fleisher, Brun, Facey, Rogers, Barilleaux, Arastu, Kret

Absent: Rodriguez, Lozano, Benavides, Clark, Sanchez, Hardberger

Rogers recused himself from voting on FY24 performing arts venue facility improvement grant for Alamo Performing Arts.

*Motion:* Arastu moved to approve funding recommendations for the performing arts venue facility improvement grant for Alamo Performing Arts, as presented. Facey seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Williams, Segura, Fleisher, Brun, Facey, Barilleaux, Arastu, Kret

Absent: Rodriguez, Lozano, Benavides, Clark, Sanchez, Hardberger

Brun recused himself from voting on FY24 performing arts venue facility improvement grant for Network for Young Artists.

*Motion:* Arastu moved to approve funding recommendations for the performing arts venue facility improvement grant for Network for Young Artist, as presented. Segura seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Williams, Segura, Fleisher, Facey, Rogers, Barilleaux, Arastu, Kret

Absent: Rodriguez, Lozano, Benavides, Clark, Sanchez, Hardberger

### **3. Arts Funding: FY24 Project Grants for Individual Artists Funding Recommendations (Action)**

Garcia announced one of the previously approved artists is no longer eligible to receive funding and has relinquished the grant. Garcia announced the next highest scoring artist recommended for funding.

*Public Comments:* Kathleen Pittman commented on increasing individual artist funding.

*Commission Discussion:* None

*Motion:* Facey moved to approve the funding recommendation for George Garza, Jr., as presented. Arastu seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Williams, Segura, Fleisher, Brun, Facey, Rogers, Barilleaux, Arastu, Kret

Absent: Rodriguez, Lozano, Benavides, Clark, Sanchez, Hardberger

#### **4. Arts Funding: Grants Funding Guidelines Input and Review Process (Briefing)**

Hidalgo indicated the grant funding guidelines process review in 2020 produced multiple grant funding programs. To combine all the programs into one working document the Department will collect community feedback through a series of input sessions, and a survey at SASpeakUp.com. Hidalgo provided session dates, times and locations followed by an overview of the review process and timeline to develop the new policy and allow community feedback. The new policy will require Commission, City Council Committee and City Council approval.

*Public Comments:* None

*Commission Discussion:* Facey inquired of the benefit of consolidating. Hidalgo stated consolidating grant funding guidelines to one policy will allow the Department to point individuals interested in funding programs to one document. The language will also be simplified. Department will also consider feedback such as increase in funding. Arastu requested clarification on who the City Council Committee is. Hidalgo stated Arts falls into the *Community Health* Committee.

#### **Public Comments**

None

#### **Announcements and Reports**

##### **Performing Arts, Film and Music Committee: Film San Antonio Updates**

Hill provided update on the State of Texas Film Incentive Program's (TMIIP) historic funding allocation and the improvement of TFC's MPDZ program, a sales tax exemption for qualified industry infrastructure projects. Hill provided brief update on San Antonio Film Festival events hosted at the Tobin Center.

##### **Director's Report:**

##### **Between Yesterday and Tomorrow: Film Night**

Jones invited the Commission to attend *Film Night* curated by Ada Babino on August 23 from 6 pm – 8 pm.

##### **From SA to SA Exhibition Opening**

Jones invited the Commission to attend *From SA to SA* exhibition opening reception on August 10 from 6 pm – 9 pm at Centro de Artes Gallery curated by Guillermina Zabala. Media preview is currently previewing.

##### **Department Updates**

Jones introduced Jennifer Chowning as the new Administrator, who will be directly working with grants, cultural events, and exhibits. Jones also announced two promotions: Jordyn Patrias promoted to lead public art project manager and Stephanie Torres promoted to exhibitions and programming project manager.

**Upcoming Event Announcements:**

None

**Adjournment**

*Motion:* Brun motioned to adjourn the Arts Commission meeting and Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Williams, Segura, Fleisher, Brun, Facey, Rogers, Barilleaux, Arastu, Kret

Absent: Rodriguez, Lozano, Benavides, Clark, Sanchez, Hardberger

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

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