



Arapahoe County

Arapahoe County Cultural Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 8, 2026
5:30 PM

Online via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Present: Steve Barr, Dominique Christina, Athena Lansing, J.D. McCrumb, Nicholas Palmer, Cathy Pomeroy, Stephanie Spriggs, Elizabeth Watson, Tim Murphy, Daniela Villarreal
Absent: Travier Craddock, Joanna Floribus, George Peck

a. Member Introductions

The Cultural Council board welcomed two new members, Steve Barr and Nicholas Palmer. Members went around and introduced themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by member Barr. Seconded by member Pomeroy. Motion passed unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Review Meeting Time

Chair Spriggs asked whether a 5:30 PM start time could be challenging for some participants and if the Council wanted to consider starting later. Council agreed to keep the discussion about meeting time open as necessary.

b. Membership Status

Council discussed member vacancies, including a vacancy for the Englewood/Littleton/Sheridan area.

c. Review Bylaws

Council discussed current bylaws and whether amendments were necessary. No formal action was taken on bylaws at this meeting.

d. Nomination of Election of Officers

Member Pomeroy nominated Stephanie Spriggs to continue serving as Chair. The nomination was accepted, Chair Spriggs will continue serving.

Council discussed Vice-Chair and Secretary roles and potential candidates.

Council agreed to ask George Peck to serve as Vice-Chair and to ask Joanna Floribus to serve as Secretary, with formal votes deferred.

Dominique Christina agreed to serve as Assistant Secretary.
Chair Spriggs will reach out to ask George and Joanna about serving and that votes for Vice-Chair and Secretary would be held at the February meeting.

e. Review and Update Council Member Contact Information

Tim Murphy agreed to send an updated roster to members for review and edits.

4. SCFD Report

Tim Murphy provided a detailed report from the SCFD:

The U.S. House funded the NEA at full levels and there were no anticipated issues in the Senate at this time.

The SCFD board meeting occurred in November and included the seating of new officers.

Consultants were engaged to support the SCFD with reauthorization of the legislation anticipated in 2028.

October revenue was approximately \$900,000 higher than the prior year and everything appears to be on track for 2025 to mirror previous years.

Key upcoming dates:

January 14: Grantee application webinar.

February 11: Grant report due.

February 12: Unconscious bias training.

February 24: SCFD Day at the Capitol.

March 4: Multi-county application deadline.

March 11: Single-county application deadline.

Annual agreements must be signed before grants can be assigned.

5. Member Reports

Members shared recent arts and cultural activities attended across the region.

Cathy Pomeroy - Kantorei, Botanic Gardens, the Denver Art Museum, and the Denver Museum of Nature & Science.

Athena Lansing reported that the Denver Children's Chorus partnered with the Jeffco Symphony for a holiday performance.

Dominique Christina - Denver Art Museum's The Tangled Self.

Steve Barr - Botanic Gardens, Hudson Gardens, Annie at Town Hall Arts Center, Pissarro at DAM, Frozen at Arvada Center

Elizabeth Watson - Clifford Still Museum.

Nicholas Palmer - Botanic Gardens and various performances throughout the holidays.

Stephanie Spriggs - Art Students League of Denver, 99 Pieces at Access Gallery.

JD Mc Crumb - Christmas Carol Ballet with Littleton Youth Ballet and Littleton Youth Symphony, Hudson Gardens

Tim Murphy - The Lion King, 99 Pieces, and Magical Nights at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science.

6. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.