



**The Blocks Arts District**

**Cultural Core Budget Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 15, 2025 @ 9:00am - 10:30am**

**Location:**

Downtown Alliance Office  
201 S Main Street, #2300 Salt Lake City UT 84111

If needed: [Zoom Link](#)

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**Cultural Core Budget Committee**

Spencer Lawson - Salt Lake City Representative, Chair  
Kathryn Carlisle-Kesling - Salt Lake City Representative, Vice Chair  
Isaac Gonzalez - Salt Lake County Representative  
Claudia Loayza - Salt Lake County Representative  
Seth Brown - Salt Lake City Representative  
Mohan Sudabattula - Salt Lake County Representative  
Felicia Baca - Salt Lake City Representative, Cultural Core Contract Manager  
Matt Castillo - Salt Lake County Representative, Cultural Core Contract Manager

**Meeting Host:**

Britney Helmers - Program Director for The Blocks  
Spencer Lawson - Board Chair

**1. Roll Call (2 min)** Spencer Lawson

**2. ACTION Approve Minutes from May 26, 2025 Meeting (1 min)** Spencer Lawson

**3. Review of Public Comments**

The Cultural Core Budget Committee accepts public comments in the following formats: Written comments may be submitted via email to [merinda@downtownslc.org](mailto:merinda@downtownslc.org) or to the Downtown SLC Presents offices, 201 South Main Street, Suite 2300, Salt Lake City, UT 84111 no later than two hours prior to the meeting start time on the day of the meeting. Verbal comments of two minutes or less are accepted at the meeting.

**4. Current Business**

1. **INTRODUCTION** Officially welcome Claudia Lyoaza onto the Cultural Core Budget Committee (2 min) Spencer Lawson
2. **INTRODUCTION** Welcome and Introduction to new team member Walter McClenton, Marketing and Social Media Manager (5 min) Spencer Lawson
3. **INTRODUCTION** Welcome and Introduction to new team member Jill Kirsling, (5 min) Spencer Lawson
4. Presentations from The Blocks Partners with Recent Programs (30 minutes) Various speakers
  - a. Tripp Hopkins - Utah Blues Festival
  - b. Mark Romney - Creative Mornings

- c. Roxanne Gray - Playground Dance Project
- 5. **DISCUSSION** Recent County and City Council meetings (15 min) Spencer Lawson
  - a. Review recent audit and comments
- 6. **REPORT** on recent programming (13 min) Britney Helmers
  - a. Co-Create: Echoes of the Great Salt Lake with Murray Symphony
  - b. Steppin on Main: Flamingo Jazz
  - c. Live Music at the Market
- 7. Update on upcoming projects (10 minutes) Britney Helmers
  - a. Co-Create
    - i. Little Stages with Township + Range
    - ii. Day of the Dead Festival - Beto Conejo
    - iii. ABSLTLY AMZNG ANMLS
    - iv. Sonder SLC + CRA Partner program
  - b. Potential programming with Gallivan
- 8. Art + Culture updates (100 min) Matt Castillo and Felicia Baca

#### 5. Next Meeting:

- 1. Tuesday, August 12, 2025 from 9:00am - 10:30am
  - a. Report on FY25 actuals
- 2. Board outing September 3 - SB Dance and Curbside Theater on the rooftop of the Pierpont Parking Garage

#### 6. Adjourn

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