

September 17th, 2025 SALT LAKE CITY ARTS COUNCIL BOARD MEETING

(Anchor location: 54 Finch Lane Gallery) 5:30 – 7:00 P.M.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87351967257?pwd=TmsK24oOYIBAQQNGHzqPNDhpWAdChX.1>

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members in Attendance:

- Matthew Coles
- Susan Koles Rickman
- Anthony Wright
- Cuauhtemoc "C-moc" Sandoval
- Lana Taylor
- Hannah Nielsen
- Denise Begue
- Ryan Canter
- Matthew Coles
- Sabrina Martinez
- Ignacio "Iggy" Rosenberg
- Kathy Davis
- Eugenie Hero Jaffe
- Nick Pedersen
- Pablo Cruz-Ayala

Board Members in Attendance Online:

- Jeff Driggs
- Caitlin Tursic

Board Members Not In Attendance, Excused:

- Travis English

Board Members Not In Attendance, Unexcused:

- Gabriella Huggins

Council/City Staff/Public in Attendance:

- Laurel Cannon Alder, Arts Council Deputy Director
- Lindsey Day, Art Council Office Facilitator
- Susan Campbell, Community Investment and Development Manager
- Andrew Shaw, Special Projects Coordinator
- Sylvia Richards, Public Policy Analyst (online)

MINUTES:

Call to Order and Welcome Guests

- Mr. Coles called the meeting to order and welcomed the newest board members. The board participated in an ice breaker where each member introduced themselves and answered the question: "If you had your own talk show, who would be your first guest?"
- Mr. Coles provided an overview of upcoming events and reminded the board to complete the board survey if they had not already done so.

Mission Moment (Future events & SLC worthy recognition)

- SLC noteworthy events were covered in Mr. Coles' overview of upcoming events without a separate discussion from the board.

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Approve Board Meeting Minutes

- Ms. Hero Jaffe noted the August minutes didn't include her full last name. Mr. Sandoval apologized for the oversight and stated it would be corrected moving forward.
- Ms. Koles Rickman motioned to approve the board minutes with that edit. Ms. Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Management

Program/Administrative Update:

- Ms. Cannon Alder provided an update on Ms. Baca's travels and her ability to visit Mr. Eliasson's studio, as well as her upcoming trip to Seattle with other community leaders as part of UrbanX.
- Ms. Cannon Alder noted that Arts Council Grants had opened and that the board should share with their networks as relevant.
- Ms. Cannon Alder provided updates across several programs, including:
 - A reminder that Finch Lane is available for event rentals and recently hosted a wedding.
 - Upcoming Ballpark murals with a tentative launch of October 16th.
 - A strong response to the next phase of the whale survey, with over 1,700 responses.
 - The upcoming Public Art 101 workshop is designed to help the community gain a deeper understanding of the entire public art process. Ms. Nielsen, who is on a panel, noted the positive registration numbers.
 - An upcoming scooter tool of public art and a community member's initiative of recording their public art visits on Strava.
 - A reminder of the last Twilight show of the season, Big Thief.
- Ms. Cannon Alder highlighted the partnership between Wake the Great Salt Lake, Salt Lake Magazine's Farm to Glass contest, and Post Office Place. This served as a segue into Mr. Shaw's overview of Wake the Great Salt Lake programming.

Wake the Great Salt Lake Update

- Mr. Shaw gave an overview of the Wake the Great Salt Lake initiative. A Bloomberg grant funds the initiative, which was awarded \$1 million and has supported 12 local activations and a signature commission.
- Mr. Shaw provided an overview of the local activations, which included several artists, organizations, and mediums. The selected local initiatives aimed to engage the community broadly through a mix of different avenues. The signature commission was recently announced as Olafur Eliasson, who will be activating a public space in the spring. The Wake the Great Salt Lake [website](#) has been capturing all of the activations and is a great resource to reference.

Budget/Financial

- Ms. Tursic provided an overview of the August financials. It was noted that costs have been updated to account for S&S production costs and the honorarium for the signature Wake the Great Salt Lake commission. No concerns were noted.
- Ms. Tursic requested a motion to approve an additional signatory on the Public Treasurers Investment Fund (PTIF). The fund enables the Council to earn interest on its cash balances. This would allow Ms. Cannon Alder to approve activity whenever Ms. Baca is unavailable. Ms. Hero Jaffe motioned to approve. Ms. Davis seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Cannon Alder provided an overview of a proposed motion that would amend the budget to account for the transfer of unused funds from the Wake the Great Salt Lake account from last fiscal year into this year. The unused funds resulted from a delay in finalizing the signature commission contract. Additionally, the grant from the Utah Division of Arts and Museums was nominally higher than allocated, and we want to account for those updated figures. Ms. Koles Rickman motioned to approve, and Ms. Tursic seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Public Comment

- No public comments were given.

Other Business

- Ms. Cannon Alder reminded the board of the Nov 19th holiday party following the board meeting.

Ms. Davis motioned to end the meeting, and Ms. Koles Rickman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED