

2026 Board Evaluation

Salt Lake City Arts Council

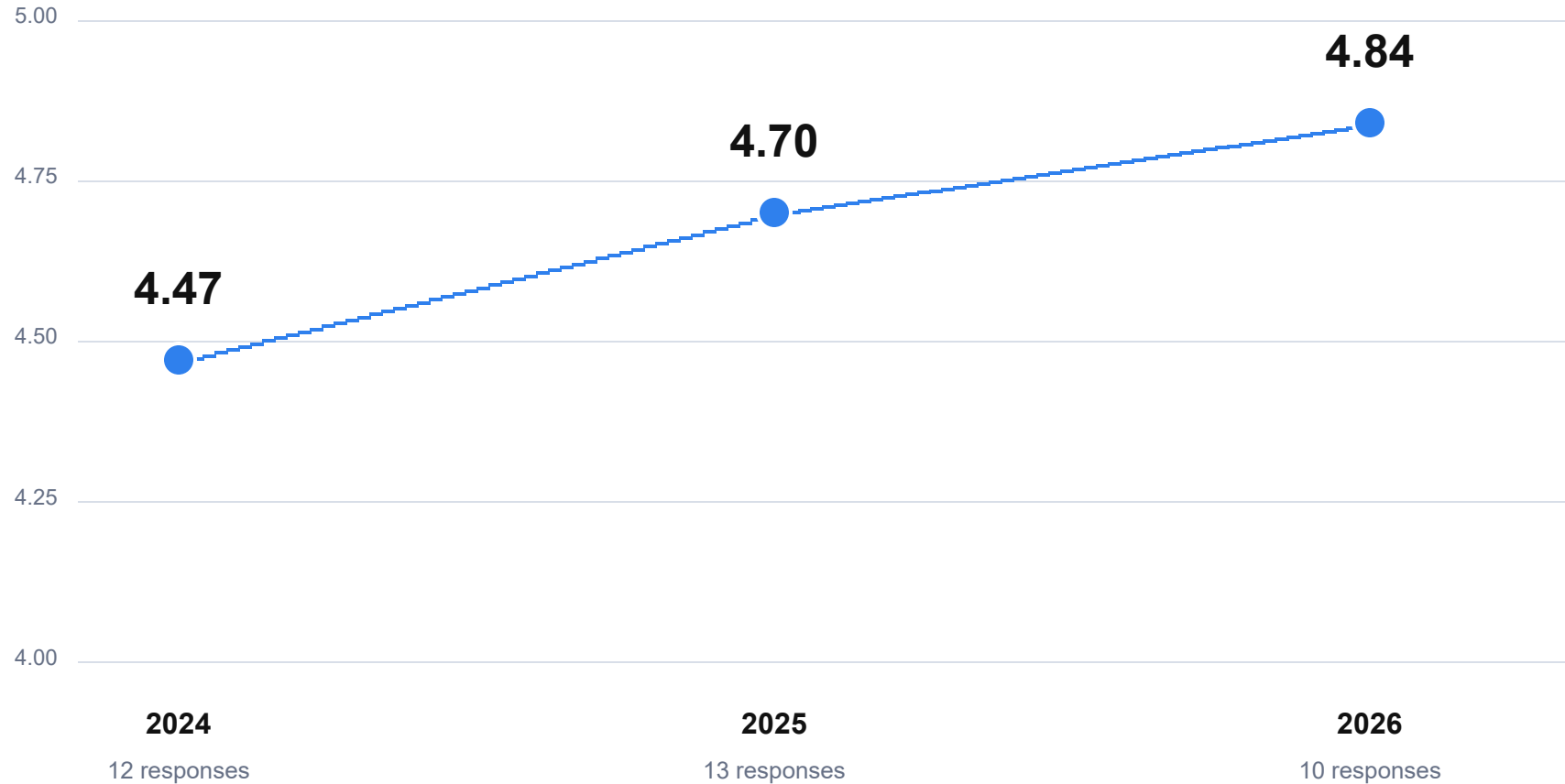
4.84

out of 5
average across 21 core questions

10 anonymous responses | September 2026

Overall sentiment strengthened each year (2024 – 2026)

Average across the 21 common 1–5 rating questions



+0.37

points since 2024

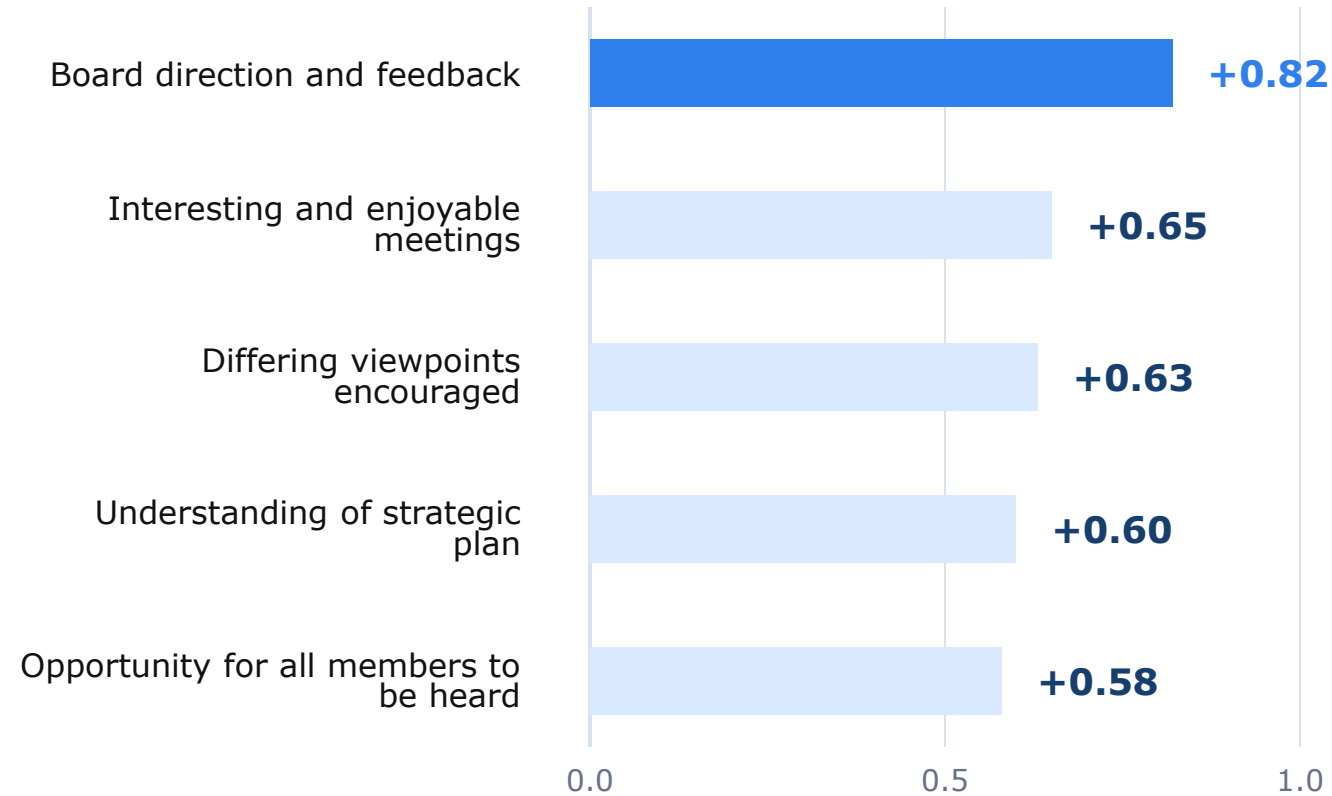
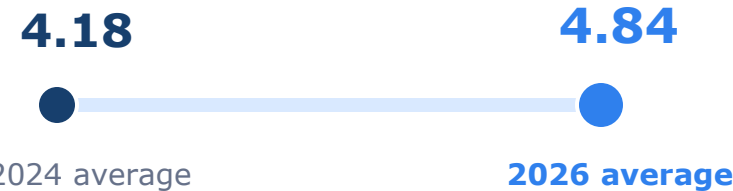
Ratings were already high—and moved higher across the period.

Five categories with largest gains (2024 – 2026)

Average score increased from 4.18 in 2024 to 4.84 in 2026 on a 1–5 scale

+0.66

average gain across the
five selected measures



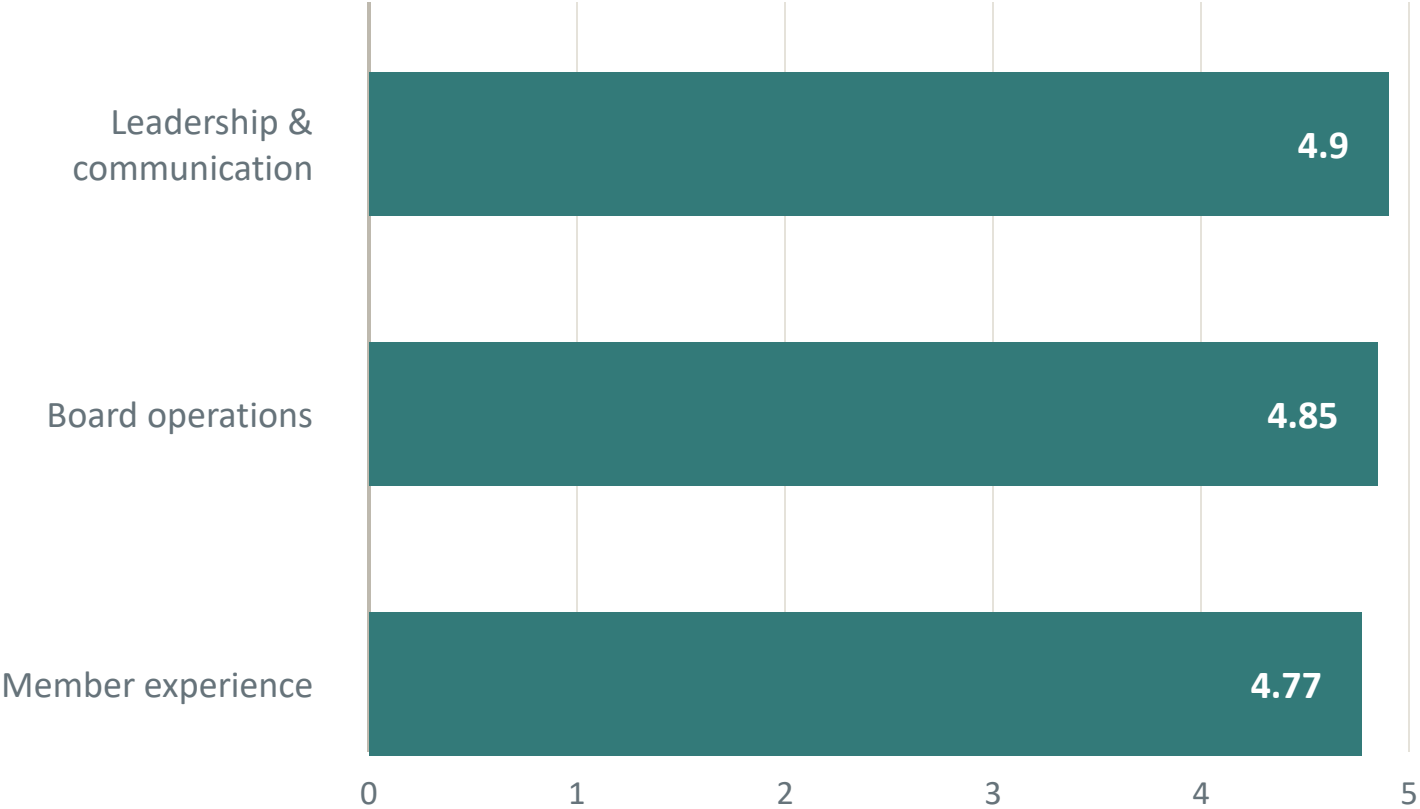
Program attendance remained strong across all three years

Attendance rose from 92% in 2024 to 100% in both 2025 and 2026



Strong ratings across every section

All core-question ratings were either 4 or 5



84%

of all core ratings were 5

0

ratings below 4

New grant-review structure received strong support

4.40 / 5

average 2026 grant-review rating

90% rated the process 4 or 5

Ranking:

1: Very unfavorable. It detracts from my board experience, and I would prefer not to continue.

5: Very positive. I enjoy the process, and it meaningfully strengthens my board service.

Positive feedback supports the new structure, which brings every board member into the grant-review process and distributes the workload more evenly.

What the scores say—and what members need

The lowest three-year averages broadly align with four recurring themes in written feedback

STRATEGY • PLAN UNDERSTANDING

Keep strategy visible

Connects agendas, staff updates and decisions to goals and strategic plan.

3-year avg 4.28

4.60

2026 rating

ROLE CLARITY • BOARD/STAFF ROLES

Clarify how members contribute

Make board, staff and committee roles clear and concrete.

3-year avg 4.35

4.60

2026 rating

ENGAGEMENT • PREPARED PARTICIPATION

Protect time for board voice

Allow discussion and earlier input.

3-year avg 4.37

4.50

2026 rating

AMBASSADORSHIP • INFORMATION SHARING

Build context and confidence

Offer training on strategy, advocacy, policy, financial oversight and local arts landscape.

3-year avg 4.40

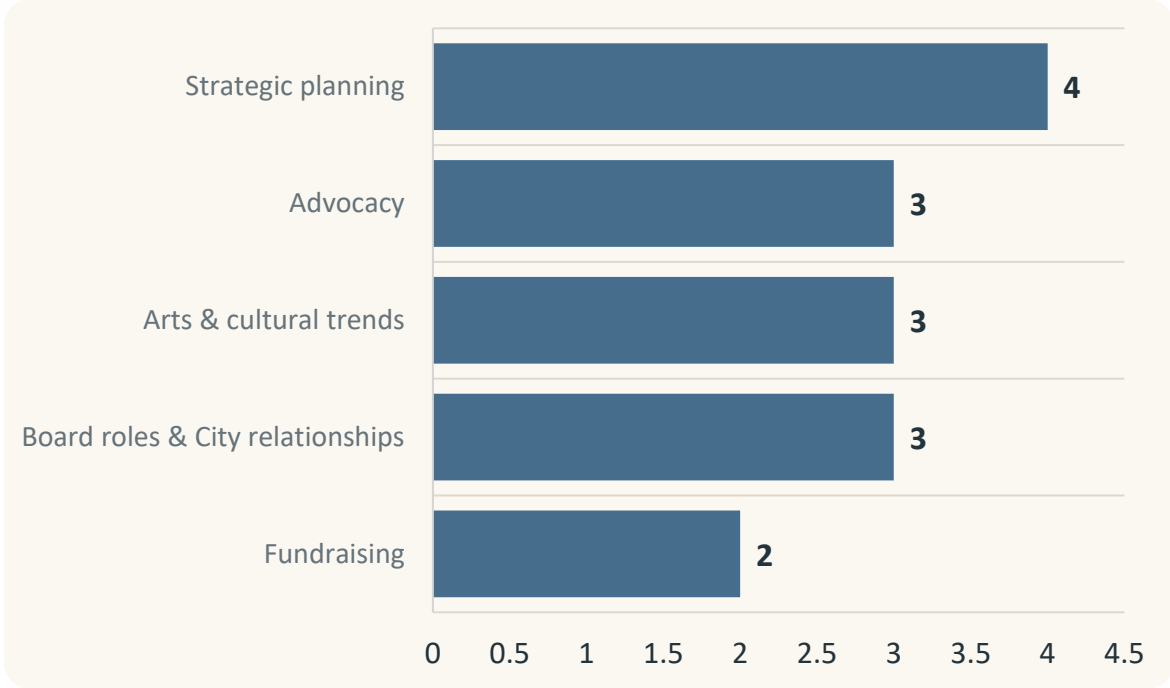
4.50

2026 rating

Priorities members want to explore

Written responses point to practical training needs and clearer strategic direction

Most-requested training



Training counts reflect coded mentions; one response may include more than one topic.

Next strategic plan suggested themes

- Clarify the Arts Council’s role, scope, and relationship with the City
- Map the cultural landscape and identify gaps in programs or access
- Strengthen partnerships with arts organizations and the community
- Sustain public programs and consider major opportunities, including Twilight’s 40th anniversary and the Olympics