

Arizona America250 Commission
Arts, Museums and Cultures Subcommittee
Virtually via Zoom
Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2026

SUBCOMMITTEE ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Anna Needham, Chair, Caitlin Dichter, Sandra Kory

SUBCOMMITTEE ATTENDEES NOT PRESENT:

Bonnie Humphrey, Beverly Elliott, Jeannette Holverson, Jeffrey Lazos Ferns
Kelly Paisley, Wylwyn Reyes, Jeannette Holverson, Julianne Cheng

NON-VOTING MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Verlon Jose; Ashley Harder; Evan Kory; Jessica Lewis

1. **Call to order, roll call, and welcome.** Chair Anna Needham called the meeting to order at 11:09 am.
2. **Discussion and possible action on meeting minutes from April 23, 2026, and May 28, 2026.**
The subcommittee did not have a quorum, so this item was not considered.
3. **Discussion and possible action on arts and culture projects for the Semiquincentennial.**
 - a. **Public art project**
Executive Director Terech reported that the Arizona America250 Commission voted to allocate \$25,000 for public art grants. The project is still in its early stages, distribution of funds is anticipated in early 2027, and the Commission is seeking a grants-making partner to help administer the funds.
 - b. **Member share out on additional arts and culture projects throughout the state**
Sandra Kory shared that numerous events had taken place in Nogales and were wrapping up following the July 4 holiday. Caitlin Dichter shared that the S'edav Va'aki Museum will soon open a new exhibit featuring ten Indigenous artists.
4. **Discussion, possible action, and report from Executive Director.**
The Executive Director reflected on the past year, expressed appreciation for the subcommittee's commitment, networking, and service. The subcommittee was reminded to watch for additional information regarding the Bell Rededication and Recognition Ceremony scheduled for October 1, 2026.
5. **Call to the public**
No members of the public were present.

6. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 am.

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