



Salem Cultural Council
MEETING MINUTES
Monday July 13th, 2026

1. Call to Order – 7:32 PM.
2. Roll Call.
 - a. Members Present: Cris Gladly, Cassandra Warren, Sarah Hemingway, Stephanie Call, Ian McLeod, Jess Crescimano
 - b. Members Absent: John Newhall
3. Discussion: New Member Welcome
 - a. Jess introduces themselves as a new member of the SCC.
4. Prior meeting minutes vote (June 1st, 2026).
 - a. Motion to vote on June meeting by Ian, seconded by Stephanie.
 - b. Matter passed.
5. Discussion: Sarah's Farewell and Insights
 - a. Sarah shares her thoughts as this is her last council meeting.
 - b. Idea: Subcommittees.
 - c. Concerns about lack of diversity in Salem's art community and Salem in general.
 - d. Followups on grant reports.
 - e. Roles and time within the SCC.
6. Discussion: SCC Roles
 - a. Ian stepping down as co-chair, remaining on council.
 - b. Cassandra stepping down as secretary, remaining on council.
 - c. Stephanie shall become new SCC secretary.
7. Discussion: Q&A
 - a. Some Q&A for Jess, our recent SCC task and discussion history.
8. Discussion: SCC Roles Continued
 - a. Cris motions for Stephanie to become next secretary, Ian seconds motion. All voted yes, matter unanimously passed.

- b. Chair/co-chair discussion to be continued next month.

9. Discussion: Future Meeting Times

- a. SCC meetings will remain hybrid.
- b. Facilities director requests that we vacate building by 9:30pm.
- c. Regular monthly meetings to begin at 7pm going forward, depending on city permission.
- d. November and December meetings to begin at 6pm and go for 3 hours.
- e. Cris makes motion for the above time changes, Cassandra seconds this motion. Matter unanimously passes.
- f. Cris will update calendar.

10. Discussion: Upcoming Dates

- a. Overview of upcoming grant cycle dates.

11. Cris motions for all members to be emailed all important correspondences. Jess seconds motion. Matter passes unanimously.

12. Discussion: AI

- a. Whether or not AI should be allowed in grant applications or funded projects.
- b. To be continued in August meeting.

8. Public Calls.

- a. None.

9. Motion to adjourn by Cris, seconded by Ian. Adjourn – 9:05 PM.

*vote on financial report and our priorities and guidelines