

MINUTES

Board Development + Executive Committee Meeting (Special)

Tuesday, September 23, 2025, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Zoom

Committee Members Present: Bina Patel, Janine Chicourrat, Erik Uppman, Donna Langley, Chris Sommers, Jacquie Atchison, Norm Groot

Staff Present: Rob O’Keefe, Jeniffer Murray, Marissa Reader, Teresa Savage, Richard Dole

Public: None

Bina Patel called the meeting to order at 4:01pm

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

A. August 5, 2025 and September 12, 2025 Special Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

There was a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. M/S Jacquie/Janine. Abstentions Norm/Jacquie. The motion doesn't pass.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Recruitment Update

Marissa Reader reviewed open Board Director seats for Pacific Grove and Sand City, and open MCTID seats in Seaside, Pacific Grove, County of Monterey and Sand City. The committees discussed several candidates for the open seats and discussed next steps. The group agreed that January would be a more appropriate timeline than October for filling the seats, allowing time for initial conversations and committee recommendations. A candidate was selected for the open treasurer role and it was recommended to vote them in at the next Board Meeting.

B. Agenda Scheduling

Rob and Jennifer Murray discussed the upcoming orientation for BoardEffect the new board management platform noting it will enhance board engagement and upgrade the overall board experience. The committees also discussed upcoming meetings, a potential holiday gathering and spring board training with finalized dates to be share with the committee once secured.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Jacquie Atchison updated the committees on the Arts Council’s latest initiatives including a new office opening in King City, a potential \$40,000 grant for Salinas's First Friday Art Walk, and upcoming Open Studio Art Tours in October.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE: March 12, 2026: 4:00-5:00pm

Bina Patel adjourned the meeting at 4:48pm.