



Seattle Film Commission

Meeting Minutes – Monday, June 1, 2026, 10:00AM – 12:00PM

Virtual

Commissioners Present: Champ Ensminger, Mark Freid, KD Hall, Michael Huang, LexScope, Kat Ogden, Davis Powell, Michael Gaston

Commissioners Not Present: Tom Florino, Anthony Tackett

Staffed by Office of Economic Development: Taylor Durand-Scaggs, Hana Peoples

Note: These are "raw minutes notes" based on the discussion of the 6/1/26 meeting, do not include every word spoken, and are not a literal transcript.

AGENDA

1. Call to order
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Land Acknowledgement
 - c. Public Comment
 - i. None
2. General Order of Business
 - a. Approval of April 2026 meeting minutes
 - i. Approved
 - b. Committee updates
 - i. Branding and Marketing
 1. Socials updates review (KD)
 - ii. Policy and Initiatives
 1. Focus points of last meeting: film company robberies, forum at Tenacious Ventures with City and Film stakeholders
 - a. Statement that is being produced; Michael Gaston is leading
 - b. Michael Huang: Frustration with communication amongst the commission for not looking at the edits; hope for support from OED and SPD.
 - c. Ongoing burglaries; one happened over the weekend at Big Fish
 - d. KD: Can help with getting public statement out to readers/media.
 - e. Michael Huang will share updates at next committee meeting
 - f. Question: Do we have a letter from the Commission ready to share out?
 2. Seattle Film Commissioner applications
 - a. Question: What is the status of new commissioner applicants and selection?
 3. Film Commission was invited to present at the Create Summit
 - a. Michael Huang: Music Commission was present; attended by Michael Huang, Lex and Chris (OED).
 4. Discussion of the Commercial Production Initiative
 5. June 4: Gathering with Film, Music and Arts Commissions
 - a. Tabled
 - iii. Workforce and Economic Development
 1. Michael Huang and Michael Gaston attended last meeting
 2. Topic of discussion was recent burglaries
 3. KD needs assistance at Inside Scoop; call for help from Commission



- c. Issues
 - i. Boeing IMAX closure – SFC engagement opportunities
 - 1. Question: Do we have an update?
 - a. Ways to get the SFC involved
 - b. Need for support to share the importance of keeping the space
 - ii. SFC statement on burglaries – review
 - 1. Commission to look over by end of day 6/2/26
 - iii. Lex: Local filmmaking community is frustrated with Egyptian closure because SIFF owns the projectors but not the building (owned by SCC)
 - d. Commitments and events
 - i. Inside Scoop
 - 1. June 3 “Film Storytelling + Sarah screening”
 - a. 26 people have RSVPed
 - b. Create a standardized organization of Inside Scoop
 - c. Request for help from Commissioners
 - 2. 2026 Scheduling – All Commissioners
 - a. OED to provide update
 - b. New Commissioner selection at next meeting
 - ii. Future guests
 - 1. June 22, 2026 – Mayor Wilson (Tentative)
 - e. Next steps
 - i. SFC Statement on burglaries
 - 1. All Commissioners to look over and provide comments by end of day 6/2
 - 2. Make sure to check spelling and grammar
 - ii. Tasveer Film Fest Networking Event
3. Adjourn