



Seattle Film Commission

Meeting Minutes – Monday, April 27, 2026, 10:00AM – 12:00PM

City Hall Boards & Commissions Room and Virtual

Commissioners: Champ Ensminger, Tom Florino, Mark Freid, KD Hall, Michael Huang, LexScope, Kat Ogden, Davis Powell, Anthony Tackett, Michael Gaston

Staffed by Office of Economic Development: Chris Swenson, Hana Peoples

Note: These are "raw minutes notes" based on the discussion of the 4/27/26 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
2. General Order of Business
 - a. Approval of March 2026 meeting minutes
 - i. Approved
 - b. Guests
 - i. Councilmember Alexis Mercedes Rinck
 1. Sharing of state of film industry and community in Seattle
 2. Prioritization of Commercial Filmmaking
 - ii. Kate Becker & Tony Becerra (King County Film Advisory Board/Harbor Island Studios)
 1. How can the Film Commission can help the Film Advisory Board
 - a. Help to dispel the rumors: Harbor Island is still active and taking bookings
 - b. Working on getting a new business plan to share with King County Council
 - c. Film Commission members to visit Harbor Island Studios
 - d. Contact: KCFilmAdvisoryBoard@gmail.com for any inquiries
 - c. OED
 - i. Mayor's Film Award restructure
 1. After 20 years, award has been trending toward "legacy"
 2. With Film Commission advisory, the award will now be given out in three categories: Emerging, Industry and Legacy
 - ii. Budget review
 1. \$10,000 annual budget funded by City Council
 2. Sharing of 2026 budget
 - d. AFCI recap (KD)
 - e. Committee updates
 - i. Branding and Marketing
 1. KD and Lex to create a social media plan to bring back to Marketing group
 - ii. Policy and Initiatives
 1. FIFA filming resource webpage created by OED
 2. Production company burglaries and theft discussion with OED
 3. Larger call for film commission member applications especially women in production



- iii. Workforce and Economic Development
 - 1. Larger discussions with large production companies about taxes and investment in Seattle
 - 2. Acquisition team SFC presentations to be scheduled
 - f. Other business
 - i. Committee reorganization
 - 1. Commissioner and Chair committee selection(s)
 - g. Commitments and events
 - i. Inside Scoop
 - 1. May – KD proposal to showcase local filmmaking team on May 28
 - 2. 2026 scheduling – All Commissioners to schedule their month beyond May
 - a. Lex – August
 - ii. Upcoming
 - 1. 4/28 - SIFF filmmaker meetup
 - 2. 5/7 - SIFF opening night
 - iii. Future guests
 - 1. 5/25 - Mayor Wilson
3. Adjourn