

RESULTS

Cultural Foundation Special Events Subcommittee Regular Meeting

October 22, 2026 | 4:15 p.m.

Chandler City Hall, 4th Floor Large Conference Room
175 S. Arizona Ave., Chandler, AZ



Board Members

Peppur Chambers **Present**
Ellie Watland **Present**
Jyoti Pathak **Excused Absence**
Eric Pipenbrink **Present**
Kim McCarthy **Present**
Timothy Russell **Present**
Paula Johnson-Hutchinson **Present**
Erika Thrower **Present**

Community Members

Mari Jo Woolf-Whitaker **Excused Absence**
Tiffany Ticlo **Excused Absence**
Chelsie Erwin **Excused Absence**

Youth Arts Council Alumni Members

Pursuant to Resolution No. 4464 of the City of Chandler and to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Cultural Foundation and to the general public that the Cultural Foundation Special Events Subcommittee will hold a REGULAR MEETING open to the public on Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 4:15 p.m., at Chandler City Hall, 4th Floor Large Conference Room 175 S. Arizona Ave., Chandler, AZ. One or more Commissioners may be attending by telephone.

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Cultural Foundation Special Events Subcommittee

Regular Meeting Agenda - October 22, 2026

Call to Order/Roll Call **4:23 PM**

Unscheduled Public Appearances

Members of the audience may address any item not on the agenda. State Statute prohibits the Board or Commission from discussing an item that is not on the agenda, but the Board or Commission does listen to your concerns and has staff follow up on any questions you raise.

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda may be enacted by one motion and one vote. If a discussion is required by members of the Board or Commission, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and determination will be made if the item will be considered separately.

1. September 24, 2026, Chandler Cultural Foundation Special Events Meeting Minutes
Approved Unanimously 7-0

Briefing

2. Review Survey Results
3. Debrief 2026 Center Stage Event

Member Comments/Announcements

Calendar

4. To Be Determined

Adjourn **5:12 PM**

Meeting Minutes

Chandler Cultural Foundation

Special Events Meeting

September 24, 2026 | 4:15 p.m.
Chandler Museum, Saguaro Room
300 S. Chandler Village Drive, Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order Peppur Chambers at 4:19 p.m.

Roll Call

Attendance

Peppur Chamber, Chair
Ellie Watland
Eric Pipenbrink
Erika Thrower
Kim McCarthy
Mari Jo Woolf Whitaker
Timothy Russell

Staff Attendance

Sandra Bassett, Liaison
Julianna Crespo
Lindsay Bernardez

Absent

Jyoti Pathak
Tiffany Ticlo
Chelsie Erwin

Scheduled and Unscheduled Public Appearances

None

Consent Agenda

1. August Chandler Cultural Foundation Special Events Meeting Minutes.
 - ELLIE WATLAND made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2026 Special Events Committee Meeting. Mari Jo Woolf-Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

Action Agenda

Discussion

Briefing

2. Update on Center Stage October 17, 2026 6pm

- A) Donors/ Sponsors/ Ticketing
 - SANDRA BASSETT provided an update on ticket sales, noting that out of 150 available tickets, 117 had been pledged or purchased, leaving 33 remaining. Members reviewed the leads list from last year's attendees and discussed outreach strategies to close the ticket gap before the October 1st deadline. Staff emphasized the importance of gathering guest names promptly to support seating, paddle assignments, and event logistics.
- B) Mystery Boxes/ Auction
 - The committee reviewed the current inventory of mystery box donations, including confirmed items, pending requests, and new contributions brought in by members. Discussion included potential pairings of hotel stays, lessons, gift cards, and entertainment items, as well as larger auction features such as the diamond necklace and travel packages.

3. Murder Mystery Rehearsal

- PEPPUR CHAMBERS provided an update on the custom murder mystery production, including casting progress and the need to fill the final role of Holt Beauregard. The committee discussed moving toward a staged reading format to reduce pressure on cast members due to limited rehearsal time and venue access. Rehearsals will begin with a virtual read-through followed by in-person sessions, culminating in a technical rehearsal in the theater on October 16. Additional details were shared about staging, audience movement, and how the performance integrates into the overall event flow.

4. Emcee: David Specht

- PEPPUR CHAMBER provided an update regarding the Emcee role and confirmed that David Specht will serve as the event's Emcee and portray the character of The Porter during the murder mystery portion of the program. David will greet and engage guests during the preshow period, help guide attendees into the Bogel Theater, and lead the transition from the mystery performance to the main stage activities. He will work in coordination with Pepper and Sandra to ensure smooth audience flow, timing, and communication throughout the event.

Member Comments/Announcements

Calendar

5. The next special events committee meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 4:15 p.m.**

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Peppur Chambers, Chair

Sandra Bassett, Staff Liaison