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Ms. Chavez worked for the City of Albuquerque as the Arts Program Manager at the Albuquerque International Sunport / Aviation Department and as an economic development planner. She was the founding executive director of Creative Albuquerque and a former executive director of the Hispanic Cultural Foundation. She owned a small consultancy, Cultural Econ, which specialized in cultural planning for the New Mexico MainStreet Arts & Cultural Districts, and strategic planning and group facilitation services for the arts and cultural industries. Her professional experience includes accounting, arts administration, economic development, non-profit leadership, entrepreneurship and higher education. She has worked for non-profits, local government and the private sector in various leadership, staff and volunteer capacities.

Ms. Chavez holds a Master of Community and Regional Planning (MCRP) from the University of New Mexico with an emphasis in public art planning and graduated with Distinction. She has presented nationally on topics related to airport arts programs and the creative economy, and has served on many non-profit boards and committees including Magnifico Arts, Albuquerque Arts Alliance, Albuquerque Youth Symphony, Albuquerque Convention & Visitors Bureau, City of Albuquerque Landmarks & Urban Conservation Commission and the Central New Mexico Community College Foundation. She served as a Local Arts Agencies grants panelist for the National Endowment for the Arts, and an arts and cultural grants panelist for the Albuquerque Community Foundation and the New Mexico Arts Commission. She also served on the Albuquerque/ Bernalillo County Arts & Cultural Industries Economic Impact Study, the ABQ Cultural Count Task Force, and the ACVB Cultural Directors' Tourism Steering Committees.

Regina was a violinist and pianist for many years, and is now focusing her creative talents on writing a novel and painting.