



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION**

August 15, 2025, 1 PM

County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Hwy, Room 402A, San Diego, CA 92101

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Jay Bell

Monica Hernandez

Jennifer Jeffries

Bob Lehman

Sharlene O'Keefe

Nadia Reyes

Renée Richetts

Absent:

Jim Gilliam

Samira Hassan

Lucas O'Connor

Felicia Shaw

Annaleece Wakefield

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

- January 8, 2025 Budget Subcommittee
- March 24, 2025 Special Meeting
- April 18, 2025 Meeting
- June 5, 2025 Special Meeting – Retreat

ACTION: Moved by Jeffries, seconded by O'Keefe, approve the minutes for the January 8, 2025 budget subcommittee meeting, March 24, 2025 special meeting, April 18, 2025 meeting, and June 5, 2025 special meeting minutes.

AYES: Jay Bell, Monica Hernandez, Jennifer Jeffries, Bob Lehman, Sharlene O'Keefe, Nadia Reyes, Renée Richetts

OPPOSED: none

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Workplace Violence Prevention Plan

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Explanation of the County's Workplace Violence Prevention Plan and when it would apply to the Commissioners, including who they would report to, what to do in an emergency, how to give feedback, and if bullying counts as part of the plan.

- Temporary Art Policy (Attachment E)
Overview of draft Temporary Art Policy. Discussion included:
 - Department exempted (Sheriff, possibly psychiatric hospital, Library)
 - Whether insurance would be mandatory and how damage artwork would be addressed
 - Clarify what funding would be tied to it (costs of putting up and taking down artwork)
 - Advanced notice if taken down
 - Complaint procedures
 - Whether schools would be included in temporary exhibits

ACTION: Moved by Bell, seconded by Jeffries, approve the Temporary Art Policy, with the edits proposed (exempting certain departments and including complaint process).

AYES: Jay Bell, Monica Hernandez, Jennifer Jeffries, Bob Lehman, Sharlene O'Keefe, Nadia Reyes, Renée Richetts

OPPOSED: none

- Local Arts Agency Learning Network Grant
Public Comment: Patricia Frischer mentioned that in North County, Oceanside will use their grant to do capacity building in North County. Invited the Commission to cross promote efforts and events, and helping to get Supervisors out to events.

During the retreat, the proposal to use the \$20,000 funds would be for a series of listening sessions with the goals of building knowledge about each district's needs, building capacity, building relationships to supervisors (who would be invited to the vents), collecting data, collecting a list of organizations and artists in each district, and possibly a heatmap of arts organizations in each district. Money would go towards refreshments, stipends for any entertainment, and possible data collection element. Report to be brought back to the Commission at the end.

- Future Meetings
Postponed discussion of future meetings to next meeting, with new date/times to start in 2026.

5. COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE/PROJECT FORMATION, APPOINTMENTS, AND REPORTS

- Strategic Planning
Subcommittee will meet to plan the listening sessions for the grant more.
- Public Art Program
 - I. Proposed Recommendations
Commission reviewed recommendations, and asked subcommittee to research parameters for open calls for public art as well as the VARA waiver.

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ACTION: Moved by O’Keefe, seconded by Hernandez, approve the recommendations from the subcommittee:

- Continue using public art consultants for art in new capital projects
- Gather a list of artists, updated every 2 years, for use for projects
- Gather a list of public art consultants for use for projects
- Public art projects should be presented to the Commission when completed

AYES: Monica Hernandez, Jennifer Jeffries, Bob Lehman, Sharlene O’Keefe, Nadia Reyes, Renée Richetts

OPPOSED: none

ABSTAIN: Jay Bell

- Local Arts Agency Learning Network
Rest of Commissioners updated on what was learned in the Learning Network. Some of the other jurisdictions’ plans for the grant was shared, and the Commissioners were invited to audit September’s Learning Network meeting, which is about arts and education. They were also told about Melenko being in town in September to do a series of workshops.
- San Diego Artist Count
San Diego ART Matters, in partnership with County and a few other partners, will be working to survey artists to gather data about them and their needs. County will provide technical support in creating the survey to artists, as well as help with engagement.
- Creation of new subcommittees
None

6. APPOINTMENTS TO PUBLIC ART PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEES

None

7. STAFF REPORT

Current staff liaison will change. Commissioners will be notified soon.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- San Diego City Commission would like to collaborate more
- Rolodex project has launched with 135 artists. Sdartsrolodex.com
- Ruth’s Studio – 116 artists with the theme of An Artist’s Duty is to Reflect the Times
- 54th Anniversary of Friendship Park
- Fallbrook submitted statewide cultural district application

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.