



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION**

**October 17, 2025, 1:00 PM  
County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Hwy, Room 306A, San Diego, CA 92101**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Called to order at 1:20pm

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present: Sharlene O'Keefe  
Felicia Shaw  
Bob Lehman  
Jennifer Jeffries  
Jim Gilliam  
Nadia Reyes

Absent: Monica Hernandez  
Renee Richetts  
Jay Bell  
Samira Hassan  
Annaleece Wakefield

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**3. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 15, 2025 COMMISSION MINUTES (Attachment A)**

ACTION: Moved by Gilliam, seconded by O'Keefe, to approve the minutes for the August 15, 2025 meeting.

AYES: Sharlene O'Keefe, Bob Lehman, Jennifer Jeffries, Jim Gilliam, Nadia Reyes

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: Felicia Shaw

**7. STAFF REPORT**

- Arts and Culture Commission staff liaison position has been approved, and job listing is targeted to be posted in the coming week. Position will be posted publicly, with external candidates being eligible.
- Commissioner Lucas O'Connor (District 1) has submitted his resignation from the Commission, effective October 15, 2025. There is also a current vacancy in District 3.
- Reminder that at the December meeting, Commission will need to vote and elect a Chair and Vice Chair.

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**4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Local Arts Agency Learning Network Grant  
Public Comments: None

Discussion regarding planned use of LAALN grant funds to conduct a series of networking events in each supervisorial district and the timing of when to schedule these events.

- b. Future Meetings  
Public Comments: None

Discussion regarding moving 2026 meetings to Wednesdays at 11:00am. Options of having staff conduct a poll of members will be researched. In lieu of a poll, item will be added to agenda for December meeting. Meetings to continue on a bi-monthly schedule.

ACTION: Moved by Lehman, seconded by O’Keefe, to move December 19, 2025 meeting to December 12, 2025 at 1:00pm.

AYES: Sharlene O’Keefe, Bob Lehman, Jennifer Jeffries, Jim Gilliam, Nadia Reyes, Felicia Shaw

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: None

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

- a. Strategic Planning Sub Committee

Public Comments: None

Strategic Planning subcommittee will schedule future meeting to discuss this committee’s work related to the LAALN Grant project (District networking events/series). Discussion regarding options for creating project committees to assist Strategic Planning Committee in workload of planning the five (5) District events.

ACTION: Moved by Gilliam, seconded by O’Keefe, create 5 project committees, with each consisting of the two Commission members from each respective supervisorial district, to assist the Strategic Planning Sub-Committee in the workload of planning the 5 District networking events. Youth Commissioners to fill vacancies in District 1 and 3 for these project committees.

AYES: Sharlene O’Keefe, Bob Lehman, Jennifer Jeffries, Jim Gilliam, Nadia Reyes, Felicia Shaw

OPPOSED: None

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ABSTAIN: None

Next Strategic Planning Sub Committee meeting scheduled for November 3, 2025 from 10:00am-11:30am.

Discussion regarding adding Grant Opportunities to future agendas. Preference is to be as specific as possible when including on agendas.

**b. Public Art Program**

Public Comments: None

Reports provided regarding current projects at Edgemoor Acute Psychiatric Hospital, Casa De Oro Library, and San Diego Animal Shelter.

**c. Local Arts Agency Learning Network**

Public Comments: None

Update provided on status of training cohort which will have its graduation in December. In 2026 cohort will be implementing their projects and continue to meet on a quarterly basis.

**d. San Diego Artist Count**

Public Comments: None

Update provided on San Diego Artist Count and opportunity to partner with other organizations, including Prebys Foundation, and City of San Diego, on a much larger project modeled on the successful 'Far South, Border North' project. Options for including San Diego Artist Count in this larger project are under review.

**6. APPOINTMENTS TO PUBLIC ART PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

None

**8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

- Southwest Landscape show is up in Fallbrook
- Creative community in Fallbrook has formed a new alliance, TACA (The Arts and Culture Alliance) whose focus is on supporting the sustainability and growth of the North County inland region arts community.
- San Diego ART Matters has new initiative focused on the rural and unincorporated areas and their unique needs.
- Museum Council is currently doing 'Kids Free' this month across the county. Participation is being tracked, and a report will be available.
- California Cultural District in Oceanside is having its second grant allocation meeting at the O-Arts Festival tomorrow.

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**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 2:47pm