



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
STRATEGIC PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE**

**November 3, 2025 at 10 AM
County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Hwy, Room 402A, San Diego, CA 92101**

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 1:20pm

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Bob Lehman
Felicia Shaw
Jim Gilliam

Absent: Sharlene O’Keefe

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 22, 2025 (Attachment A)

ACTION: Moved by Gilliam, seconded by Lehman, to approve the minutes for the May 22, 2025 Strategic Planning Subcommittee meeting.

AYES: Jim Gilliam, Bob Lehman, Felicia Shaw

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Retreat Debrief

Public Comments: None

A recap of key outcomes of the retreat, including strategies for moving forward in 2026. Central to that strategy is the initiative to host a series of networking events throughout the county, one in each supervisorial district. This initiative will be funded by a \$20,000 grant from San Diego Art Matters.

b. Local Arts Agency Learning Network Grant (**Attachment B**) – Program Entitled “In Community”, which proposes a series of networking events for the San Diego County Artus and Culture sector.

Public Comments: None

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The discussion focused on steps to finalize the strategy, goals, logistics, and budget for the planned series of networking events. Goals discussed were to increase public awareness of the Commission’s mission and role, provide opportunities for dialogue between commissioners and community members, foster networking and collaboration among artists, organizations, and civic partners, and strengthen partnerships between the Commission and county supervisors. Tentative schedule presented with five events to be held February through June 2026.

- c. San Diego Artists Count
Public Comments: None

An update was provided on the San Diego Artist Count research project. The project has evolved and will now be embedded within a much larger project. This larger project is a collaborative effort involving San Diego ART Matters, the City of San Diego, the Prebys Foundation, and the International Community Foundation.

- d. Co-sponsorship opportunity with San Diego ART Matters annual summit (**Attachment C**) – The Arts in Rural and Unincorporated San Diego County
Public Comments: None

An opportunity for the Commission to collaborate on San Diego ART Matters’ upcoming event titled “Creative Conversations”, which is focused on arts in rural and unincorporated areas was introduced and discussed. Prior outreach and engagement by San Diego ART Matters identified rural and unincorporated areas of the County are often underserved and represent a critical area for expansion of the mission to ensure that all communities have access to the arts. The upcoming events are designed to gain additional insight into the role of the arts in expanding employment and economic development, health and well-being, while fostering new collaborations. Staff to explore requirements for co-sponsorship.

- e. Public/Private grant opportunity with the Prebys Foundation
ITEM TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

- f. Next Meeting
Public Comments: None

Next meeting of the Strategic Planning Subcommittee scheduled for December 19, 2025 at 10:00am at County Administration Center.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 11:26am