



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION**

**December 12, 2025, 1 PM
County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Hwy, Room 402A, San Diego, CA 92101**

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 1:09pm.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Monica Hernandez
Renee Richetts
Sharlene O'Keefe
Felicia Shaw
Bob Lehman
Jennifer Jeffries
Jim Gilliam

Absent: Jay Bell
Nadia Reyes
Samira Hassan

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 17, 2025 COMMISSION MINUTES (Attachment A)

ACTION: Moved by Gilliam, seconded by O'Keefe, to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2025 meeting.

AYES: Sharlene O'Keefe, Bob Lehman, Jim Gilliam, Monica Hernandez, Felicia Shaw, Jennifer Jeffries

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: Renee Richetts

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Public Comments: None

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ACTION: Moved by Richetts, seconded by Shaw, that the slate of Jim Gilliam as Chair and Bob Lehman as Vice Chair for another term be presented to the Commission.

AYES: Monica Hernandez, Renee Richetts, Sharlene O’Keefe, Felicia Shaw, Bob Lehman, Jennifer Jeffries, Jim Gilliam

OPPOSED: None

b. 2026 Meeting Schedule

ACTION: Moved by O’Keefe, seconded by Hernandez, that future meetings to occur bi-monthly on the third Wednesday of every other month at 11:00am, beginning January 21, 2026.

AYES: Sharlene O’Keefe, Bob Lehman, Jim Gilliam, Monica Hernandez, Felicia Shaw, Jennifer Jeffries, Renee Richetts

OPPOSED: None

- c. San Diego ART Matters/Local Arts Agency Learning Network (LAALN) grant funds to conduct a series of networking events in each supervisorial district

Public Comments: Patricia Frisher offered that the North County Arts Network would be available to assist the Commission in the preparation, outreach, and promotion of the 3 upcoming events in the North County supervisorial districts as a nonprofit partner with the Commission.

An overview of the working draft outline and schedule for the events was provided. First event is to be held in District 4 with an estimated date in February 2026. The Commission engaged in a discussion regarding potential event locations, considering factors such as accessibility, capacity, and alignment with the goals of the event. Additionally, members reviewed requirements for compliance with the Brown Act, emphasizing the need for transparency, public accessibility, and proper notice to ensure adherence to open meeting laws.

- d. Grant Opportunities

Public Comments: None

Chair discussed purpose of this item and that it would be a placeholder for future meetings. As members identify potential grant opportunities, information is to be forwarded to County Staff liaison for review of suitability and alignment with County policies. Additionally, a recap of prior coordination of this Commission with the Prebys Foundation on a grant project was provided.

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

- a. Strategic Planning

Public Comments: None

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Update on the ongoing work of the committee on the San Diego ART Matters/LAALN grant previously provided. No further updates.

b. Public Art Program

Public Comments: None

Reports provided on current projects at East Region Crisis Stabilization Unit, Edgemoor Acute Psychiatric Hospital, Santee Animal Shelter, and the Case de Oro Library.

c. San Diego Artist Count

Public Comments: Patricia Frischer provided comments on the San Diego Artist Count project and expressed concern regarding the outcome of project and potential benefits to artists.

Update provided on the San Diego Artist Count and the involvement of the Prebys Foundation, San Diego ART Matters, City of San Diego, and the International Community Foundation as partners. Project is in development and expected to launch in spring of 2026. The Commission is an official partner as was previously voted upon and approved.

6. APPOINTMENTS TO PUBLIC ART PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEES

None

7. STAFF REPORT

Public Comments: None

a. Staff Liaison Position update

Update provided on current recruitment process for new Creative Economy Manager that will serve as the Staff Liaison to this commission. The process is ongoing, and it is anticipated that the hiring process will be finalized by late January or early February.

b. Marisa Rosalez was appointed at the December 9, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting to the vacant District 1 seat on this commission. She will assume her role upon completion of the mandatory orientation and filing of all required forms with the Clerk of the Board.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- Announcement of upcoming 2026 exhibits at the Fallbrook Art Center.
- District 3 and 4 offices are hosting a guided conversation at the County Administration Center on January 9th from 12:00-1:00pm to explore economic development for artists and cultural arts districts with a focus on unincorporated communities and the creation and maintenance of a binational cultural arts partnership.
- San Diego ART Matters will be partnering with TACA (The Arts and Culture Alliance) on a 'Creative Conversations' event at the California Center for the Arts. Focus of the event will be on arts and culture in rural and unincorporated areas.

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- The nonprofit Campana Studios hosted an event in Encinitas for their Mutual Aid program. This program supports San Diego County visual artists with economic development and hands on business training.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:57pm.