



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION**

**February 4, 2026, 11:00 AM
County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Hwy, Room 302, San Diego, CA 92101**

MEETING MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL | [View Here](#)

Commissioner Jim Gilliam called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Present: Jim Gilliam (Chair), Bob Lehman (Vice Chair), Jay Bell, Samira Hassan, Monica Hernandez, Jennifer Jeffries, Sharlene O'Keefe, Nadia Reyes, Renee Richetts, Marisa Rosalez, Felicia Shaw

Absent: Jennifer Jeffries

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 12, 2025 and JANUARY 21, 2026 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES | [View Here](#)

Public Comments: None

ACTION: Commissioner Gilliam introduced the item. Commissioner Hernandez made a motion to approve the minutes for December 12, 2025 Commission meeting. Commissioner Richetts seconded the motion. The vote was 8-0-1; the motion passed.

Yea: (8) Gilliam, Hernandez, Lehman, O'Keefe, Reyes, Richetts, Rosalez, Shaw

Nay: (0)

Abstention: (1) Bell

Recusal: (0)

ACTION: Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the minutes for January 21, 2026, Commission meeting. Commissioner O'Keefe seconded the motion. The vote was 8-0-0; the motion passed.

Yea: (8) Bell, Gilliam, Hernandez, Lehman, O'Keefe, Reyes, Rosalez, Shaw

Nay: (0)

Abstention: (0)

Recusal: (1) Richetts

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4. DISCUSSION ITEMS | [View Here](#)

Public Comments: An update on an initiative being explored by Supervisorial Districts 3 and 4 staff related to arts and culture was provided by Joshua Dunn (District 4 staff). Additional information and updates will be shared with the Commission as it becomes available.

- a. 'In Community' Networking Events: A series of networking events in each supervisorial district to connect artists, cultural organizations, and civic leaders across the County's diverse geographies to build shared understanding, collaboration, and advocacy for the arts.

An update on District 4 "In Community" event planning was provided by Commissioners Shaw and Lehman. There was further discussion regarding purchase and use of promotional items to be distributed and/or used at these events and consideration of holidays when planning events. Additionally, the option of having a sponsoring organization partner with the County and Commission for these events may simplify both planning and coordination of payments to vendors/service providers was discussed and will be further explored by Staff.

ACTION: Commissioner Shaw made a motion to approve the Draft Budget of \$20,000 for the "In Community" events, with a recommendation to explore partnering with a nonprofit organization(s) to assist with facilitation of events. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. The vote was 9-0-0; the motion passed.

Yea: (9) Bell, Gilliam, Hernandez, Lehman, O'Keefe, Reyes, Richetts, Rosalez, Shaw
Nay: (0)
Abstention: (0)
Recusal: (0)

- b. Co-partnership opportunity with San Diego ART Matters annual summit – The Arts in Rural and Unincorporated San Diego County.

Public Comments: None

An update was provided on this upcoming event, to be held later this month at the California Center for the Arts. The event is sold out.

- c. Grant Opportunities

Public Comments: None

Commissioner Gilliam provided a reminder of the purpose of this recurring Agenda item for Commissioners to bring potential grant opportunities to this Commission for review. A recap of a recent webinar hosted by the Prebys Foundation and attended by Commissioner Richetts and Gilliam regarding grant process and information was provided.

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5. COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE/PROJECT FORMATION, APPOINTMENTS, AND REPORTS | [View Here](#)

- a. Strategic Planning
Public Comments: None

No report given.

- b. Public Art Program
Public Comments: None

Update provided on public art projects currently in progress at the Casa de Oro Library, East Region Crisis Stabilization Unit, Edgemoor, County Animal Shelter.

- c. San Diego Artist Count
Public Comments None

Update provided on the San Diego Artist Count. Initiative is moving forward and guidelines are anticipated to be released in early April to coincide with Art, Culture, and Creativity Month.

6. APPOINTMENTS TO PUBLIC ART PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEES | [View Here](#)
None

7. STAFF REPORT | [View Here](#)

Public Comments: None

- a. Staff Liaison Position update

New Commissioner representing District 1, Marisa Rosalez, was introduced and she provided a brief overview of her background and work in the community. Additionally, notice was shared that Christine E. Jones has been hired as the new Manager of Arts, Film, and Creative Industries and will be serving as the County Staff Liaison for this Commission.

- b. Youth Commissioner vacancies

There are currently two Youth Commissioner vacancies in addition to the District 3 vacancy on this Commission.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND ASSIGNMENTS | [View Here](#)

Update on parking changes at and around Balboa Park and the ongoing discussions and community involvement.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gilliam adjourned the meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.