



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

June 8, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Hwy, Room 306A, San Diego, CA 92101

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Felicia Shaw called the meeting called to order at 1:09 p.m.

Present: Bob Lehman (Co-Chair), Felicia Shaw (Co-Chair), Jim Gilliam, Sharlene O'Keefe

Absent: None

2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CHAIR'S REPORT | [View Here](#)

Public Comments: None

a. ACTION - March 11, 2026, Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Shaw introduced the item. Commissioner Gilliam made a motion to approve the minutes for March 11, 2026, Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0-0; the motion passed.

Yea: (4) Gilliam, Lehman, O'Keefe, Shaw

Nay: (0)

Abstention: (0)

Recusal: (0)

b. Other Reports

None

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

a. "In Community" Networking Events: A series of networking events in each supervisorial district
Public Comments: None

The County has organized five networking events funded by a grant and presented by San Diego ART Matters. The committee discussed coordination with San Diego ART Matters, event promotion, logistics, programming, and efforts to encourage attendance from County supervisors and staff. Upcoming gatherings include District 1 on June 30, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Chicano Park Museum and Cultural Center, and District 5 at the Oceanside Library, with the date pending.

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- b. Artists Count: San Diego + Tijuana
Public Comments: None

An update was provided on the program's application process, which has now progressed to the Letter of Interest (LOI) phase. The discussion covered the recent LOI workshop, the geographic distribution of eligible applicants, and information related to LOI evaluation, panelist review, and the artists count survey.

- c. Public/Private grant opportunities
Public Comments: None

The committee discussed the City of Oceanside's newly opened arts grant opportunity, the status of arts grant funding at the City of San Diego, and potential pathways for a coordinated regional approach. The conversation also included updates on state and federal budget developments affecting the arts.

- d. Arts and Culture Commission Strategic Plan and Bylaws
Public Comments: None

The committee discussed the need to review and update the Arts and Culture Commission's Strategic Plan and Bylaws, noting that the Commission's advisory role may evolve. A potential fall retreat was also identified as an opportunity to further clarify the Commission's direction and priorities.

- e. Next Meeting
Public Comments: None

Scheduling the next Strategic Planning Committee meeting was discussed, and staff confirmation is required before the date can be finalized.

5. STAFF REPORTS | [View Here](#)

Public Comments: None

County staff Christine E. Jones provided the staff report, including:

The County's Arts and Culture Initiative, recently approved by the Board of Supervisors with a funding commitment of up to \$2.75 million, including \$2.25 million in ongoing annual support, continues to advance through the County's spring budget development process, with final adoption scheduled for June 23. Staff have begun an initial resource and infrastructure assessment to align early planning, operational needs, and program development with Board expectations.

The Arts and Culture Commission currently has two youth commissioner vacancies. Candidate interviews will take place in June, followed by the County's formal appointment process.

The County has released an RFQ to procure a contractor to develop a film initiative implementation plan for a potential County film office and commission. The scope also includes a proposed production-rebate framework intended to support and incentivize film and media activity in the San Diego region.

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Additional insights were shared from the Americans for the Arts conference held in Albuquerque, highlighting national trends and approaches relevant to local arts strategy.

Finally, the County has submitted its application to the California Arts Council for the State–Local Partners program and is preparing for the next phases of that process.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lehman adjourned the meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

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