



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION**

**January 17, 2024, 1 PM**

**County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Hwy, Room 207 C/D, San Diego, CA 92101**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 1 PM

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Jim Gilliam

Monica Hernandez

Jennifer Jeffries

Michael Kozma

Bob Lehman

Sharlene O'Keefe

Rénee Richetts

Felicia Shaw

Ada Shido

Absent:

Ladan Akbarnia

Jay Bell

Lucas O'Connor

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**3. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES**

ACTION: Moved by O'Keefe, seconded by Gilliam – approved the minutes for the November 15, 2023 meeting.

AYES: Jim Gilliam, Monica Hernandez, Jennifer Jeffries, Michael Kozma, Bob Lehman, Sharlene O'Keefe, Rénee Richetts, Felicia Shaw, Ada Shido

OPPOSED: none

**4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. Racial Equity Statement

Presentation by Richetts and Hernandez of draft racial equity statement (presentation attached).

i. Discussion over wording

ii. Agreement over changing racial equity statement to racial and cultural equity statement.

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iii. Final draft statement:

Arts and culture have the unique power to inspire, amplify diverse perspectives, build empathy, promote belonging, imagine other possible worlds, and catalyze positive change.

The San Diego County Arts and Culture Commission recognizes the roles that systemic racism, power, privilege, and inequitable access to decision-making bodies and resources have historically impacted the lives of its residents, including artists, creatives, and cultural practitioners.

A full and vibrant creative life is essential to the well-being of all residents. Therefore, the Commission has a responsibility to engage in the urgent, essential, and nuanced work of building a more just world for all through racial and cultural equity.

The Commission is committed to fostering a world where all artists, creatives, and cultural practitioners have freedom, power, resources, and platforms to share their stories.

The Commission can be an important resource to support the voices, visions, lives, and dreams of the community. As such, the Commission strives to implement equity outcomes in processes that address current and historical barriers to arts and culture resources. These include, but are not limited to, equitable representation in decision-making bodies, funding, community outreach, organizational support, and intersectional awareness.

b. Strategic Planning

Presentation by Shaw and Lehman over draft strategic plan goals.

c. Election of Officers

Gilliam and Richetts nominated for Chair, Lehman nominated for vice-chair. Each candidate spoke about their interests and fit for the position.

CHAIR ELECTION:

VOTE FOR GILLIAM: Monica Hernandez, Jennifer Jeffries, Michael Kozma, Bob Lehman, Sharlene O’Keefe, Rénee Richetts, Felicia Shaw, Ada Shido

Abstain: Jim Gilliam

VOTE FOR RICHELTS: None

Gilliam elected as chair for 2024 year.

VICE-CHAIR ELECTION:

VOTE FOR LEHMAN: Jim Gilliam, Monica Hernandez, Jennifer Jeffries, Michael Kozma, Bob Lehman, Sharlene O’Keefe, Rénee Richetts, Felicia Shaw, Ada Shido

**5. SUBCOMMITTEE(S) CREATION AND APPOINTMENTS**

Next Strategic Planning Subcommittee meeting planned for January 24 at 1 PM.

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**6. APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES REGARDING ART AT PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

a. Animal Shelter (District 2)

Discussion over having someone else participate to learn the process. O’Keefe chosen to be representative for Animal Shelter project.

b. Casa de Oro Library (District 4)

Shaw chosen to be representative for Casa de Oro Library project.

**7. STAFF REPORT**

Youth commissioner position is vacant and currently in recruitment. More to be updated later.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

February is Museum Month!

Event for Arts and Economic Prosperity 6 results on January 25.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meet adjourned at 3:16 PM.