



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION**

**September 18, 2024, 1 PM  
County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Hwy, Room 402A, San Diego, CA 92101**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 1:22 PM.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Ladan Akbarnia

Jay Bell

Jim Gilliam

Bob Lehman

Sharlene O'Keefe

Renée Richetts

Felicia Shaw

Absent:

Monica Hernandez

Jennifer Jeffries

Lucas O'Connor

Juliet Rodriguez

Ada Shido

Annaleece Wakefield

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**3. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES FOR AUGUST 21, 2024**

ACTION: Moved by Shaw, seconded by Richetts, approved the minutes for the August 21, 2024 meeting.

AYES: Ladan Akbarnia, Jim Gilliam, Bob Lehman, Sharlene O'Keefe, Renée Richetts, Felicia Shaw

OPPOSED: none

ABSTAINED: Jay Bell

**4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. Prebys Grant Program

Prebys will be matching up to \$250,000, \$50K/district, for a grant program designed to give money to individual artists as much as possible. Due to budget constraints, the County will leverage the existing Community Enhancement program to fund the match on the County's side. Possible ways to acknowledge the Commission's role would be through a press release. Commission may be able to suggest questions for applicants as

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well. A project committee was formed consisting of commissioners Bell and Shaw to provide recommendations at the October meeting.

- b. Proposed Legislative Priorities for County Legislative Program
- Support legislation and enhanced funding for direct funding to artists and nonprofit arts and culture organizations from agencies including the California Arts Council and enhanced funding directed to municipalities such as San Diego for support of community-wide access to arts and culture through programs and partnerships.
  - Support legislation and enhanced funding from state and federal agencies directed to municipalities such as San Diego for support of community-wide access to arts and culture through programs and partnerships.
  - Support measures that develop and promote the entertainment industry locally, such as opportunities for local film and television industry workers.
  - Support and advocate for additional expansion of the state’s film tax credit program.
  - Support legislation and regulatory actions:
    - that implements fair and equitable allocation of resources from Proposition 28.
    - that support arts and culture organizations in general administrative tasks, including payroll, insurance, and operating expenses, such as SB 1116, the Equitable Payroll Fund.
    - that support investment in arts, cultural and creative districts, and artist housing, such as AB 812.
    - that support arts based social prescribing initiatives, such as Arts on Prescription.
    - to support investment in the creative workforce, such as CERA, the Creative Economy Revitalization Act.
    - protecting arts and culture organizations from predatory ticketing practices, such as SB 785.

ACTION: Moved by Shaw, seconded by Akbarnia, approved sending the proposed Legislative priorities to the County’s Government Affairs team.

AYES: Ladan Akbarnia, Jay Bell, Jim Gilliam, Bob Lehman, Sharlene O’Keefe, Renée Richetts, Felicia Shaw

OPPOSED: none

**5. SUBCOMMITTEE FORMATION, APPOINTMENTS, AND REPORTS**

a. Strategic Planning

Public comment by Patricia Frischer regarding how the Prebys grant is a good example of advocacy work. She believes it is now important to prioritize the different parts of the strategic plan.

Subcommittee is working on breaking down each pillar into tasks. Next meeting scheduled for October 3 at 10 AM.

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b. Budget

Subcommittee working on fixing draft budget and building the case for two positions. Plan is for every Commissioner to reach out to Supervisors and present proposed budget in December. Next Subcommittee meeting is on October 10 at 1 PM.

c. Public Art

Need to plan community input session. Propose to have it in person, but date, time, and place are to be determined.

**6. APPOINTMENTS TO PUBLIC ART PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

None

**7. STAFF REPORT**

County has announced new leadership/executive team.

**8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Adjourned at 3 PM.