



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION**

**October 16, 2024, 1 PM
County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Hwy, Room 402A, San Diego, CA 92101**

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 1:01 PM.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Ladan Akbarnia

Jay Bell

Jim Gilliam

Monica Hernandez

Bob Lehman

Lucas O'Connor

Sharlene O'Keefe

Juliet Rodriguez

Felicia Shaw

Annaleece Wakefield

Absent:

Jennifer Jeffries

Renée Richetts

Ada Shido

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

San Diego Art Directory provided an update on the organization. They are now a nonprofit and have grown since they last addressed the Commission.

3. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

ACTION: Moved by Bell, seconded by Wakefield, approved the minutes for the September 18, 2024 meeting.

AYES: Ladan Akbarnia, Jay Bell, Jim Gilliam, Monica Hernandez, Bob Lehman, Lucas O'Connor, Sharlene O'Keefe, Juliet Rodriguez, Felicia Shaw, Annaleece Wakefield.

OPPOSED: none

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Prebys Grant Program

The Board will make a selection of projects, which will then be sent to the Commission to choose which to send to Prebys for the match. If the timeline has closed for the application period, staff will go through previous applications to see what will fit the criteria.

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- b. San Diego Artists Count
Discussion of San Diego Artist Count, an assessment of the status of the creative workforce – where they live, work, and more. San Diego ART Matters is partnering with SDSU to create the survey by May 2025. The County could be an engagement partner to help get the word out about the survey.
- c. Local Arts Agency Learning Network
Prebys Foundation gave San Diego ART Matters funds to create a yearlong training program for a cohort of 10 local arts agencies (existing and emerging). County of San Diego is included, and Monica Hernandez will be the representative on the Commission to join the program along with County staff.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE FORMATION, APPOINTMENTS, AND REPORTS

- a. Strategic Planning
 - I. Pillars Update
Overview of more detailed tasks for each of the four pillars. For knowledge, tasks include the San Diego Artists Count and public art, including a future ordinance. For communications and marketing, there is a more detailed plan, including possible communications/emails, website, and more. For capacity building, the Local Arts Agency Learning Network and possible internal evaluation using the Ford Foundation’s organizational mapping tool are opportunities.
 - II. Future of Subcommittee
Discussion over possible transition to a permanent standing committee. Subcommittee to propose plan at next meeting.
 - III. Prebys Grant Project Committee
ACTION: Moved by Lehman, seconded by O’Keefe, to create an ad hoc Prebys-County Grant subcommittee to sunset on June 30, 2025, and appoint Felicia Shaw, Ladan Akbarnia, Jim Gilliam, and Juliet Wakefield to the subcommittee.
AYES: Ladan Akbarnia, Jay Bell, Jim Gilliam, Monica Hernandez, Bob Lehman, Lucas O’Connor, Sharlene O’Keefe, Juliet Rodriguez, Felicia Shaw, Annaleece Wakefield
OPPOSED: none
- b. Budget
 - I. Draft Budget
Description of some of the draft budget items, such as continuing the Prebys grant, paying for events, and additional staff.
 - II. Campaign Plan
Jay Bell to come up with a plan on how to approach the Supervisors and share information about the proposed budget.
- c. Public Art
Subcommittee meeting scheduled for November 7 at 11 AM to plan for a community meeting.

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6. APPOINTMENTS TO PUBLIC ART PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEES

None

7. STAFF REPORT

Website to be updated and have a focus on service first in the coming months.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- October 20 - O-Fest in Oceanside in the afternoon
- October 22 – MiraCosta College – Day of the Dead from 12-4
- October 27 - Barrio Logan Cultural Day from 12-7 PM
- Special exhibit at San Diego Museum of Art – happy to work with schools to do student tours
- Kids Free October Month

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 PM.