



Commission for Arts and Culture | Advocacy & Outreach Committee Hybrid Meeting Notice and Agenda

Thursday, April 9, 2026

12:30-1:15pm

City Administration Building | Conference Room 12B

202 C Street, 12th Floor

San Diego, CA 92101

Zoom Link: <https://sandiego.zoomgov.com/j/1605286697>

Committee Chair: Becky Phillpott, Chair

Committee Vice Chair: Dajahn Blevins

Commissioners: Kamaal Martin, Imani Robinson, Cathy Hasson

Staff Liaison: Bell Reza

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Agenda:

- Item 1: Call to Order | Becky Phillpott, Chair
- Item 2: Non-Agenda Public Comment | Becky Phillpott, Chair
- Item 3: Chair’s Reports | Becky Phillpott, Chair
 - a. **ACTION** – February 12, 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes
 - b. Other Reports
- Item 4: Presentation: Update on Federal Funding for the Arts | Tooshar Swain, Director of Public Policy, Americans for the Arts
- Item 6: Staff Reports | Rachel Laing, Cultural Affairs Staff, Economic Development Department
- Item 7: Adjourn



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City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture
ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 12, 2026

Commissioners Present

Becky Phillpott, Chair
Imani Robinson
Kamaal Martin
Cathy Hasson
Dajahn Blevins

Commissioners Absent

Staff Present

Bell Reza
Rachel Laing

- I. Call to Order | [View Here](#)
Chair Becky Phillpott called the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture Advocacy and Outreach Committee meeting to order 12:33 pm.
- II. Non-agenda Public Comment [View Here](#)
Chair Phillpott called on staff to read any submitted public comments and to call on virtual and in-person speakers.
- III. Chairs Report | [View Here](#)
 - A. ACTION – November 13, 2025 Committee Meeting Minutes
Commissioner Imani Robinson moved to approve the motion, and Commissioner Dajahn seconded. Commissioner Hasson Abstained. The motion carried.
 - B. Other Reports
- IV. Presentation Local Advocacy Efforts | Bob Lehman [View Here](#)
- V. Staff Reports | [View Here](#)
Rachel Laing, representing Cultural Affairs staff within the Economic Development Department, reported out on staff updates.
- VI. Adjourn | Chair Becky Phillpott adjourned the meeting at 1:23pm.