



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

Thursday, May 14, 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/1655993710>

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** – April 9, 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes
 - b. Other Reports
- Item 4: Advocacy Discussion: Proposed FY27 Arts Funding Reductions
- Item 5: Staff Reports | Rachel Laing, Cultural Affairs Staff, Economic Development Department
- Item 6: Adjourn



Commission for Arts and Culture

ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

April 9, 2026 | [MINUTES](#)

Commissioners Present

Becky Phillpott, Chair
Imani Robinson
Kamaal Martin

Commissioners Absent

Cathy Hasson (observed virtually)
Dajahn Blevins

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 at 12:34 p.m. Committee Member Cathy Hasson observed the meeting virtually. Commissioner Abe Hughes also attended the meeting as a non-committee member.
- 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. Presentation: Local Advocacy Efforts | Tooshar Swain, Director of Public Policy, Americans for the Arts | [View Here](#)
Chair Becky Phillpott took the agenda out of order to accommodate the presentation. Tooshar Swain, Director of Public Policy for Americans for the Arts, provided a presentation regarding local and national arts advocacy efforts, including federal arts policy priorities, advocacy strategies, and the role of arts organizations in community and economic development.
- IV. Chairs Report | [View Here](#)
A. ACTION –April 9, 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes
Commissioner Imani Robinson moved to approve the motion, and Commissioner Kamaal Martin seconded. Commissioner Hasson Abstained. The motion carried.
B. Other Reports
- 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.