



Commission for Arts and Culture Hybrid Meeting Notice and Agenda

Thursday, September 24, 2026

1:30–3:30pm

City Administration Building

202 C Street, 12th Floor, Council Chambers

San Diego, CA 92101

Zoom Link: <https://sandiego.zoomgov.com/j/1659361469>

Chair: Alessandra Moctezuma

Vice Chair: Keith Opstad

Commissioners: Dajahn Blevins, Chris Chalupsky, Vanessa Ybarra Davis, Dennis Doan, Yolanda Franklin, Fritz Friedman, Cathy Hasson, Abe Hughes, Kamaal Martin, Becky Phillpott, Imani Robinson, Jean Walcher

Staff Liaison: Bell Reza

Public Comment on an Agenda Item: If you wish to address the Commission on an item for today's agenda, please complete and submit a speaker form before the Commission hears the agenda item. You will be called at the time the item is heard.

Written Comment through Webform: In lieu of in-person attendance, members of the public may submit their comments using the [webform](#). When using the web form, indicate the agenda item number for which you are submitting a comment. Instructions regarding word limits and submission deadlines are provided on the form. On the web form, members of the public should select Commission for Arts and Culture.

Virtual Public Comment: During Non-Agenda Public Comment, after the Chair opens the comment period, raise your hand by tapping the "Raise Your Hand" button on your computer, tablet, or smartphone, or by dialing *9 on your phone. Speakers will be called in the order hands are raised. Each person may speak only once on a particular item. When staff calls on you, unmute your device by following the on-screen prompt or by dialing *6 on your phone.

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Agenda:

- Item 1: Call to Order & Statement of Purpose+Vision
- Item 2: **ACTION** – Suspend the Rule Whereby the Executive Committee Sets the Agenda for the September 24, 2026 Commission Meeting
- Item 3: Non-Agenda Public Comment
- Item 4: Chair’s Reports
 - a. **ACTION** – July 23, 2026 Commission Meeting Minutes
 - b. **ACTION** – Approval of Committee Appointments
 - c. Other Reports
- Item 5: Presentation: Arts and Culture Funding Program Changes
- Item 6: Committee Reports
 - a. Public Art Committee
 - b. Advocacy & Outreach Committee
 - c. Creative City Ad hoc Committee
- Item 7: Staff Reports
- Item 8: New Business for Future Agendas | Commissioner Arts & Culture Updates
- Item 9: Adjourn



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City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture

MINUTES

July 23, 2026

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Hyperlink to view full meeting available [here](#).

Commissioners Present

Alessandra Moctezuma
Jean Walcher
Becky Philpott
Fritz Friedman
Chris Chalupsky
Dajahn Blevins
Abe Hughes
Cathy Hasson (remote)

Commissioners Absent

Kamaal Martin
Yolanda Franklin
Keith Opstad
Imani Robinson
Vanessa Davis
Dennis Doan

Staff Present

Lara Bullock
Rachel Laing
Charles Miller
Gabrielle Romberger
Bell Reza

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1. **Call to Order & Statement of Purpose & Vision** | [View Here](#) – Chair Alessandra Moctezuma called the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.
 2. **ACTION – Approval of Remote Participation for Commissioner Cathy Hasson** | [View Here](#)
Commissioner Fritz Friedman made a motion to approve.
Commissioner Dajahn Blevins seconded the motion. The motion passed
 3. **Non-agenda Public Comment** | [View Here](#)
The Chair called on Bell Reza to open the floor for non-agenda public comment.
 4. **Chair's Reports** | [View Here](#)
 - A. **ACTION – June 25, 2026 Commission Meeting Minutes**
Commissioner Chris Chalupsky made a motion to approve.
Commissioner Dajahn Blevins seconded the motion. The motion passed
 - B. **ACTION – Approval of Committee Appointments**
Commissioner Becky Philpott made a motion to approve.
Commissioner Jean Walcher seconded the motion. The motion passed
 - C. **Other Reports**
 5. **Presentation: Arts Advocacy Update and Discussion** | [View Here](#)
 6. **Committee Reports** | [View Here](#)

Public Art Committee – **ACTION** – Final Artwork Proposals for *here comes the neighborhood: Encanto* by Kaori Fukuyama
Commissioner Dajahn Blevins made a motion to approve.
Commissioner Jean Walcher seconded the motion. The motion passed

Advocacy & Outreach Committee
Creative City Ad hoc Committee
 7. **Staff Reports** | [View Here](#)
 - a. Funding Update
 - b. Public Art Project Updates
 8. **Adjourn at 3:32 p.m.**

2026 COMMISSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

COMMITTEE	OFFICERS	COMMISSIONERS	COMMUNITY MEMBERS
EXECUTIVE <i>(Standing)</i>	Chair: Alessandra Moctezuma Vice Chair: Keith Opstad	<i>Min: 5 - Max: 7</i> Kamaal Martin Becky Phillpott Fritz Friedman	N/A
PUBLIC ART <i>(Standing)</i>	Chair: Fritz Friedman Vice Chair: Abe Hughes	<i>Min: 3 - Max: 5</i> Dennis Doan Keith Opstad Yolanda Franklin	<i>Total Req'd: 6</i> Wayne Holtan Francisco Morales Jay Shelby Amy Sanchez Arteaga Rachel Jans
ADVOCACY & OUTREACH <i>(Standing)</i>	Chair: Becky Phillpott Vice Chair: Dajahn Blevins	<i>Min: 5 - Max: 7</i> Cathy Hasson Kamaal Martin Imani Robinson Fritz Friedman Vanessa Davis	N/A
CREATIVE CITY <i>(Ad Hoc)</i>	Chair: Kamaal Martin Vice Chair: Imani Robinson	<i>Min: 5 - Max: 7</i> Abe Hughes Chris Chalupsky Jean Walcher Yolanda Franklin	<i>Total Allowed 4</i> Linda Caballero Sotelo Justine Murray Rich Magale

Pursuant to the Commission for Arts and Culture's Rules and Regulations, the Commission Chair will cause the functions, structures, memberships, and officers of the Commission's committees to be reviewed, updated, and approved by the Commission. The Commission Chair will nominate for Commission approval the members and officers of each committee. Efforts have been made to appoint each Commissioner to a committee, committees, and/or other assignments of her/his preference, including leadership positions. Each Commissioner has been assigned to at least one committee.