



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

October 8, 2026 | 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

City Administration Building

202 C Street, 12th Floor

San Diego, CA 92101

Zoom Link: <https://sandiego.zoomgov.com/j/1658123903>

Committee Chair: Becky Phillpott, Chair

Committee Vice Chair: Dajahn Blevins

Commissioners: Kamaal Martin, Imani Robinson, Cathy Hasson, Vanessa Ybarra Davis

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** – July 9, 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes
 - b. Other Reports
- Item 4: Arts Advocacy Landscape: Update and Coordination of Advocacy Efforts | Bob Lehman, Executive Director, San Diego ART Matters
- Item 5: Staff Reports | Rachel Laing, Cultural Affairs Staff, Economic Development Department
- Item 6: Adjourn



Commission for Arts and Culture

ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

July 9, 2026 | [MINUTES](#)

Commissioners Present: Dajahn Blevins, Kamaal Martin, Becky Phillpott

Commissioners Absent: Cathy Hasson, Imani Robinson

Staff Present: Rachel Laing, Bell Reza

1. **Call to Order** | [View Here](#)

Commissioner 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. Commissioner Cathy Hasson accessed the meeting remotely; however, she was not recognized as present for purposes of establishing quorum and did not participate in voting on agenda items. Commission Chair Alessandra Moctezuma also attended the meeting.

2. **Non-Agenda Public Comment** | [View Here](#)

Commissioner Becky Phillpott opened the period for non-agenda public comment and called on staff to read any written comments submitted for the meeting and to identify virtual and in-person speakers wishing to address the Committee.

3. **Chair's Report** | [View Here](#)

A. **ACTION – May 14, 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes**

The Committee considered the May 14, 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Imani Robinson moved to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Kamaal Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. **Other Reports**

4. **Government Engagement Plan** (Local, State, Federal, City Council) | [View Here](#)

The Committee discussed the Government Engagement Plan, including considerations related to engagement at the state, local, and federal levels. Commissioners shared comments and discussed next steps related to the Committee's ongoing government engagement efforts.

5. **Staff Reports** | [View Here](#)

Rachel Laing, representing Cultural Affairs within the Economic Development Department, provided staff updates to the Committee.

6. **Adjourn**

There being no further business, Commissioner Becky Phillpott adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.