

**Regional Arts Commission
Full Commission Board Minutes
April 10, 2026
10:30 a.m. via Zoom**

Welcome, Call to Order & Roll Call (Chair Ochoa)

Ochoa called the April 10, 2026 meeting to order and asked Sutherlin for roll call.

Commissioners Present

Commission: Constantino **Ochoa**, chair, yea; Sam **Fiorello**, vice chair, yea; Rhonda **Carter-Adams**, secretary; John **Russell**, treasurer, yea; Gerad **Ewing**, yea; Jerry **Gennaria**, yea; Vin **Ko**, yea; Mont **Levy**, yea; Rudy **Nickens**, yea; Andréa **Purnell**, yea; David **Wilson**, yea

Commissioners Absent

Robert Arbuthnot
Anita Hagerman
Beverly Isom
Cheryl Walker

Staff Attendees

Vanessa Cooksey, Savannah Babington, Gregory Harris, Ann Haubrich, Tracey Morgan-Harris, Chloe Smith-Higgins, Leigh Winter, Mk Sadiq, Lea Sutherlin

Others in Attendance

Rick Gratza, KEB
Trish Donovan, KEB
Atty. Travis Kearbey, Legal Counsel, (Quarles)
Atty. Lennox Mark, Legal Counsel (Quarles)
Katie Zahner, Armanino Advisory LLC

Recognition of Public Guests

None in attendance.

Approval of the Minutes – March 10, 2026 & March 12, 2026 (Vote)

Ochoa called for a motion to approve the following Full Commission meeting minutes - March 10, 2026 and March 12, 2026.

Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Purnell, and unanimously carried to approve the March 10, 2026 and March 12, 2026 minutes. Votes were as follows:

Yea –Ochoa, Fiorello, Carter-Adams, Russell, Ewing, Gennaria, Ko, Levy, Nickens, Purnell, Wilson

Nay – none

Abstain - none

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FY 2025 Audit Presented by Armanino, LLP (Vote)

Katie Zahner, audit partner from Armanino, introduced herself and noted she was the partner on the account last year, succeeding Janet Ramey. Zahner reported on the following: (1) RAC’s team was excellent in providing organized and timely information during the audit; (2) RAC took full ownership of preparing the financial statements, resulting in no audit adjustments; (3) the audit received an unmodified opinion, indicating the financial statements are materially correct and in accordance with GAAP; (4) no material weaknesses or noncompliance issues were identified, and there were no independence concerns; (5) results of the engagement – including [a] Audit of Financial Statements [b] preparation of Form 990 [c] communications with the Finance Committee; (6) financial analysis; (7) emphasized that RAC’s administrative expenses have consistently been within expected ranges; (8) mentioned that RAC did not have a federal single audit this year because federal expenditures did not exceed the threshold; and (9) overall, the audit reflected a sound financial position and strong cooperation from RAC’s staff.

Levy acknowledged the consistent quality of the audit.

Ochoa expressed kudos to Gratza and his team for their responsiveness and professionalism.

Gratza expressed appreciation for Zahner and Armanino’s thoroughness and partnership.

Ochoa reiterated gratitude for the team’s efforts.

Ochoa then called for a motion to approve the FY 2025 Audit.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Gennaria, and unanimously carried to approve the FY 2025 Audit. Votes were as follows:

**Yea –Ochoa, Fiorello, Carter-Adams, Russell, Ewing, Gennaria, Ko, Levy, Nickens, Purnell, Wilson
Nay – none
Abstain - none**

Update on Government & Legal Affairs – Closed Session [Privileged & Confidential - Legal Matter RSMO 610.021(1)]

Ochoa called for motion for closed session for Update on Government & Legal Affairs [Privileged & Confidential - Legal Matter pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1)].

Motion made by Fiorello, seconded by Carter-Adams and unanimously carried to close the April 10, 2026 Full Commission meeting for Update on Government & Legal Affairs [Privileged & Confidential - Legal Matter pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1)]. RAC’s legal representation was present. Votes were as follows:

**Yea –Ochoa, Fiorello, Carter-Adams, Russell, Ewing, Gennaria, Ko, Levy, Nickens, Purnell, Wilson
Nay – none
Abstain - none**

CLOSED SESSION HELD/Privileged and Confidential

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Ko left the meeting @ 11:05a.

Ochoa called for a motion to adjourn closed session of the April 10, 2026 Full Commission meeting and to reconvene the open session of the April 10, 2026 Full Commission meeting.

Motion made by Fiorello, seconded by Purnell and unanimously approved to adjourn closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1), and to reconvene open session of the April 10, 2026 Full Commission meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Yea –Ochoa, Fiorello, Carter-Adams, Russell, Ewing, Gennaria, Levy, Nickens, Purnell, Wilson

Nay – none

Abstain - none

Roll Call & Adjournment

Chair Ochoa called for a motion to adjourn the April 10, 2026 Full Commission meeting.

Motion made by Levy, seconded by Carter-Adams, and unanimously approved to adjourn the April 10, 2026 Full Commission meeting at 11:36 a.m. Votes were as follows:

Yea –Ochoa, Fiorello, Carter-Adams, Russell, Ewing, Gennaria, Levy, Nickens, Purnell, Wilson

Nay – none

Abstain - none

Submitted by

L. Sutherlin, Exec. Asst. & Commission Administrator

Attachments

- Full Commission Meeting Minutes, March 10, 2026 & March 12, 2026
- FY 2025 Audit Draft
- Crisis Comms Plan

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