

**Regional Arts Commission
Full Commission Board Minutes
June 11, 2026
8:30 a.m. via Zoom**

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

Ochoa called the June 11, 2026 meeting to order @ 8:35a, and asked Cooksey for roll call.

Commissioners Present

Commission: Constantino **Ochoa**, chair, yea; John **Russell**, treasurer, yea; Robert **Arbuthnot**, yea; Gerad **Ewing**, yea; Jerry **Gennaria**, yea; Anita **Hagerman**, yea; Mont **Levy**, yea; Rudy **Nickens**, yea; Andréa **Purnell**, yea; David **Wilson**, yea

Commissioners Absent

Rhonda Carter-Adams
Sam Fiorello
Beverly Isom
Vin Ko
Cheryl Walker

Staff Attendees

Vanessa Cooksey, Charlie Bosco, Ann Haubrich, Tracey Morgan-Harris

Others in Attendance

Atty. Travis Kearbey, Quarles
Rich Finneran, BCLP
Meredith Parfet, Ravenyard Group
Jenny Schmidt, Ravenyard Group
Rick Gratza, KEB

Recognition of Public Guests

Jim Drew, St. Louis Business Journal
Michael Miller (name on screen, did not self-identify)

Approval of the Minutes – May 21, 2026

Ochoa called for a motion to approve the following Full Commission meeting minutes – May 21, 2026.

**Motion made by Russell, seconded by Nickens, and unanimously carried to approve the May 21, 2026 minutes.
Votes were as follows:**

**Yea – Ochoa, Russell, Arbuthnot, Ewing, Gennaria, Hagerman, Levy, Nickens, Purnell, Wilson
Nay – none
Abstain – none**

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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 Gennaria, seconded by Ewing and unanimously carried to close the June 11, 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, Russell, Arbuthnot, Ewing, Gennaria, Hagerman, Levy, Nickens, Purnell, Wilson

Nay – none

Abstain – none

CLOSED SESSION HELD/Privileged and Confidential

Ochoa called for a motion to adjourn closed session of the June 11, 2026 Full Commission meeting and to reconvene the open session of the June 11, 2026 Full Commission meeting.

Motion made by Gennaria, seconded by Levy and unanimously approved to adjourn closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1), and to reconvene open session of the June 11, 2026 Full Commission meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Yea – Ochoa, Russell, Ewing, Gennaria, Hagerman, Levy, Nickens *Note - Arbuthnot, Purnell and Wilson (left before adjournment)*

Nay – none

Abstain – none

Roll Call & Adjournment

Chair Ochoa called for a motion to adjourn the June 11, 2026 Full Commission meeting.

Motion made by Hagerman, seconded by Russell, and unanimously approved to adjourn the June 11, 2026 Full Commission meeting at 10:31 a.m. Votes were as follows:

Yea – Ochoa, Russell, Ewing, Gennaria, Hagerman, Levy, Nickens

Nay – none

Abstain - none

Submitted by

L. Sutherlin, Exec. Asst. & Commission Administrator (via V. Cooksey Notes)

Attachments

- Full Commission Meeting Minutes, May 21, 2026
- FY 2026 Q1 Management Report
- May 2026 Cash Management Report
- Board Terms Summary

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