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**Regional Arts Commission
Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee Minutes
June 18, 2026
1:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Welcome, Call to Order & Roll Call

Ochoa welcomed everyone to the Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee @ 1:03 p.m. and asked Sutherlin for roll call.

Commissioners Present

Constantino **Ochoa**, ex-officio, Mont **Levy**, yea; Gerad **Ewing**, yea

Commissioners Absent

Sam **Fiorello**

Jerry **Gennaria**

Beverly **Isom**

Staff Attendees

Vanessa Cooksey, Savannah Babington, Ann Haubrich, Lea Sutherlin

Others in Attendance

Atty. Travis Kearbey, Quarles

Atty. Katie Hausfeld

Atty. Molly Cooke, BCLP

Meredith Parfet, Ravenyard Group

Jenny Schmidt, Ravenyard Group

Rick Gratza, KEB

Recognition of Public Guests

None in attendance.

Approval of June 4, 2026 Minutes

In the absence of co-chair Gennaria, Ochoa called for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2026, Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Motion made by Levy, seconded by Ewing and unanimously carried to approve the June 4, 2026, Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes. Votes were as follows:

Yea – Ochoa, Ewing, Levy





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Nay – none
Abstain – none

New GRPP Ad Hoc Committee Co-Chair

Ochoa noted in the absence of Fiorello, that due to other responsibilities, he (Fiorello) could no longer fully commit as co-chair of this committee, and the Ewing agreed to step-in as co-chair.

Motion made by Ochoa, seconded by Levy and unanimously carried to elect Commissioner Gerad Ewing as co-chair of the Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee. Votes were as follows:

Yea – Ochoa, Ewing, Levy
Nay – none
Abstain - none

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

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

Motion made by Ewing, seconded by Levy, and unanimously carried to close the June 18, 2026 Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee 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, Ewing, Levy
Nay – none
Abstain - none

CLOSED SESSION HELD/Privileged and Confidential

Ochoa called for a motion to adjourn closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1), and to reconvene open session of the June 18, 2026 of the Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Motion made by Levy, seconded by Ewing and unanimously approved to adjourn closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1), and to reconvene open session of the June 18, 2026 Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee.

Yea – Ochoa, Ewing, Levy
Nay – none
Abstain - none

Roll Call & Adjournment





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Gennaria called for a motion to adjourn the June 18, 2026 Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Motion made by Levy, seconded by Ewing, and unanimously approved to adjourn the June 18, 2026 Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting at 2:02 p.m. Votes were as follows:

Yea – Ochoa, Ewing, Levy

Nay – none

Abstain - none

Submitted by

L. Sutherlin, Exec. Asst. & Commission Administrator

