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**Regional Arts Commission
Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee Minutes
July 16, 2026
1:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Welcome, Call to Order & Roll Call

Co-chair Ewing welcomed everyone to the Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee @1:05 p.m. and asked Sutherlin for roll call.

Commissioners Present

Co-chair Jerry **Gennaria**, yea, Co-chair Gerad **Ewing**, yea, Sam **Fiorello**, yea; Beverly **Isom**, yea, Mont **Levy**, yea
Constantino **Ochoa**, ex-officio, yea

Staff Attendees

Vanessa Cooksey, Savannah Babington, Ann Haubrich, Lea Sutherlin

Others in Attendance

Atty. Travis Kearbey
Atty. Rich Finneran
Atty. Katie Hausfeld
Atty. Molly Cooke, BCLP
Meredith Parfet, Ravenyard Group
Jenny Schmidt, Ravenyard Group
Rick Gratza, KEB

Strategic Capitol Consulting

Thomas Robbins
Cassie Grewing
Garrett Webb
Ron Berry
Caleb Rowden
Steven Tilley

Recognition of Public Guests

None in attendance.

Approval of July 2, 2026 Minutes

Co-chair Ewing, called for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2026, Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting.





Motion made by Levy, seconded by Fiorello and unanimously carried to approve the July 2, 2026, Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes. Votes were as follows:

Yea – Gennaria, Ewing, Fiorello, Isom, Ochoa, Arbuthnot

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 Gennaria, seconded by Levy and unanimously carried to close the July 16, 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 – Gennaria, Ewing, Fiorello, Isom, Ochoa, Arbuthnot

Nay – none

Abstain - none

CLOSED SESSION HELD/Privileged and Confidential

Co-chair Ewing called for a motion to adjourn closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1), and to reconvene open session of the July 16, 2026 of the Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Motion made by Isom, seconded by Gennaria and unanimously approved to adjourn closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1), and to reconvene open session of the July 16, 2026 Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee.

Yea – Gennaria, Ewing, Fiorello, Isom, Ochoa, Arbuthnot

Nay – none

Abstain - none

Roll Call & Adjournment

Gennaria called for a motion to adjourn the July 16, 2026 Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Motion made by Ochoa, seconded by Gennaria, and unanimously approved to adjourn the July 16, 2026 Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting at 2:05 p.m. Votes were as follows:

Yea – Gennaria, Ewing, Fiorello, Isom, Ochoa, Arbuthnot

Nay – none



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Abstain - none

Submitted by
L. Sutherlin, Exec. Asst. & Commission Administrator

