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**Regional Arts Commission
Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee Minutes
August 13, 2026
1:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Welcome, Call to Order & Roll Call

Co-chair Gennaria welcomed everyone to the Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee @1:03 p.m. and asked Cooksey for roll call.

Commissioners Present

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

Commissioners Absent

Beverly **Isom**

Staff Attendees

Vanessa Cooksey, Savannah Babington, Ann Haubrich, Lea Sutherlin

Others in Attendance

Atty. Travis Kearbey
Atty. Molly Cooke
Meredith Wilson Parfet
Jenny Schmidt, Ravenyard Group
Rick Gratza, KEB

Strategic Capitol Consulting

Thomas Robbins
Caleb Rowden
Ron Berry

Recognition of Public Guests

None in attendance.

Approval of July 30, 2026 Minutes

Co-chair Gennaria, called for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 30, 2026, Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Motion made by Levy, seconded by Ewing and unanimously carried to approve the July 30, 2026, Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes. Votes were as follows:

Yea – Gennaria, Ewing, Fiorello, Levy, Ochoa





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Nay – none
Abstain – none

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

Gennaria 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 Levy, seconded by Fiorello and unanimously carried to close the August 13, 2026 Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting for Update on Government & Legal Affairs [Privileged & Confidential - Legal Matter @ 1:06p, pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1)]. RAC's legal representation was present. Votes were as follows:

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

CLOSED SESSION HELD/Privileged and Confidential @ 1:06p

Co-chair Gennaria called for a motion to adjourn closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1), and to reconvene open session of the August 13, 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 August 13, 2026 Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee @ 2:00 p.m.

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

Levy left meeting @ 2p.

Roll Call & Adjournment

Gennaria called for a motion to adjourn the August 13, 2026 Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Motion made by Fiorello, seconded by Ewing, and unanimously approved to adjourn the August 13, 2026 Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting at 2:01 p.m. Votes were as follows:

Yea – Gennaria, Ewing, Fiorello, Levy (proxy), Ochoa
Nay – none
Abstain - none





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Submitted by
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