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**Regional Arts Commission
Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee Minutes
August 27, 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 @1:03 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, Charlie Bosco, Ann Haubrich, Chloe Higgins, Lea Sutherlin, Leigh Winter

Others in Attendance

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

Strategic Capitol Consulting

Thomas Robbins
Caleb Rowden
Ron Berry
Garrett Webb

Recognition of Public Guests

None in attendance.

Approval of August 13, 2026 Minutes

Co-chair Ewing, called for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2026, Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Motion made by Levy, seconded by Fiorello and unanimously carried to approve the August 13, 2026, Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes. Votes were as follows:

Yea – Gennaria, Ewing, Fiorello, Isom, 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 Fiorello, seconded by Levy and unanimously carried to close the August 27, 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, Isom, Levy, Ochoa
Nay – none
Abstain – none

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

Co-chair Ewing called for a motion to adjourn closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1), and to reconvene open session of the August 27, 2026 of the Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Motion made by Levy, seconded by Ochoa and unanimously approved to adjourn closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1), and to reconvene open session of the August 27, 2026 Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee @ 2:09 p.m.

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

Roll Call & Adjournment

Gennaria called for a motion to adjourn the August 27, 2026 Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Motion made by Levy, seconded by Fiorello, and unanimously approved to adjourn the August 27, 2026 Government Relations & Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting at 2:10 p.m. Votes were as follows:

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

