



**Regional Arts Commission  
Minutes - Emergency Full Commission Board Meeting  
March 10, 2025, 9 a.m. (via Zoom)**

Chair Ochoa called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Commissioners Present**

Constantino **Ochoa** chair, yea; Sam **Fiorello**, vice chair, yea; Rhonda **Carter-Adams**, secretary, yea; John **Russell**, treasurer, yea; Robert **Arbuthnot**, Gerad **Ewing**, yea; Jerry **Gennaria**, Anita **Hagerman**, yea; Beverly **Isom**, yea; Mont **Levy**, yea; Rudy **Nickens**, yea, 10a; Andréa **Purnell**, yea; Cheryl **Walker**, yea; David **Wilson**, yea (virtual)

**Commissioners Absent**

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**Staff Attendees**

Vanessa Cooksey, Savannah Babington, Charlie Bosco, Gregory Harris, Ann Haubrich, Tracey Morgan-Harris, Chloe Smith-Higgins, Angie Peters, Jason Schipkowski, Leigh Winter, Lea Sutherlin

**Others in Attendance**

Rita Dillard  
Mk Sadiq  
Rick Gratza, KEB  
Trish Donovan, KEB  
Maggie Donnelly, Standing Partnership Marketing Firm  
Atty. Travis Kearbey, Legal Counsel  
Atty. Rich Finnerman, BCLP, Legal Counsel  
Molly Cooke, BCLP, Legal Counsel

**Public Guests**

James Drew, St. Louis Business Journal  
Jacob Barker, St. Louis Post Dispatch

Ochoa called for a motion to close the emergency Full Commission meeting to discuss privileged/confidential legal matter with RAC's attorney (legal representative) pursuant to RSMO 610.021 Sec.1.

**Motion made by Walker, seconded by Purnell and unanimously carried to approve to close the emergency full Commission meeting to discuss privileged/confidential legal matter with RAC's attorney (legal representative) pursuant to RSMO 610.021 Sec.1. Votes were as follows:**

**Yea – Ochoa, Fiorello, Carter-Adams, Russell, Gennaria, Arbuthnot, Ewing, Hagerman, Isom, Levy, Purnell, Walker, Wilson**

**Nay – none**

**Abstain - none**



Jacob Barker (1) noted that Sunshine Law requires a posting on how the public can access a meeting, (2) noted there was no link provided on the website for this meeting and that he was able to access because he requested the link; and (3) read the statute RSMO 610.021.

Atty. Kearbey noted that the notice posted for this meeting was Sunshine Law compliant pursuant to RSMO 610.022 which governs postings for closed meetings, and thanked Mr. Barker for noting his (Barker's) position on this issue.

Ochoa asked public guests to excuse themselves from the meeting for closed session.

Cooksey asked Sutherlin to remove public guests from the Zoom meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION HELD/Privileged and Confidential**  
**Legal Issue/Discussion**

**Roll Call & Adjournment – Closed Session**

**Ochoa called for a motion to adjourn the emergency Full Commission closed meeting pursuant to RSMO 610.021 Sec.1. Motion made by Gennaria seconded by Walker and unanimously approved to adjourn the closed session and to reconvene the open session of the emergency Full Commission meeting. Votes were as follows:**

**Arbuthnot left @ 9:55a, Fiorello left @ 9:57a**

**Yea – Ochoa, Carter-Adams, Russell, Gennaria, Ewing, Hagerman, Isom, Levy, Nickens, Purnell, Walker, Wilson**

**Nay – none**

**Abstain – none**

**Roll Call & Adjournment**

Ochoa then called for a motion to adjourn the March 10, 2026 emergency meeting.

**Motion made by Carter-Adams, seconded by Levy, and unanimously approved to adjourn the March 10, 2026 emergency Full Commission meeting at 10:08 a.m. Votes were as follows:**

**Yea – Ochoa, Carter-Adams, Russell, Gennaria, Ewing, Hagerman, Isom, Levy, Nickens, Purnell, Walker, Wilson**

**Nay – none**

**Abstain – none**