



**REGIONAL ARTS
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**Regional Arts Commission
Executive Committee Minutes
Thursday, January 29, 2026 via ZOOM
8:30 a.m.**

Call to Order & Committee Members in Attendance

Chair Ochoa called the January 29, 2026 meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. and asked Sutherlin to conduct the Committee roll call.

Committee Members in Attendance

Tino Ochoa, Chair; Sam Fiorello, Vice Chair; John Russell, Treasurer; Jerry Gennaria, Member-at-Large; Robert Arbuthnot, Member-at-Large Rhonda Carter-Adams, Secretary

Yea – Ochoa, Fiorello, Carter-Adams, Russell, Gennaria, Arbuthnot

Nay – none

Abstain - none

Staff Attendees

Vanessa Cooksey, Lea Sutherlin

Others in Attendance

Atty. Lennox Mark, Armstrong Teasdale

Approval of Minutes

Ochoa called for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2026, Executive Committee meeting.

Motion made by Fiorello, seconded by Russell and unanimously carried to approve the Executive Committee minutes – January 22, 2026. Votes were as follows:

Yea – Ochoa, Fiorello, Carter-Adams, Russell, Gennaria, Arbuthnot

Nay – none

Abstain - none

Ochoa called for a motion to close the January 29, 2026 Executive Committee meeting to discuss privileged/confidential legal matter with RAC's attorney (legal representative).

Motion made by Carter-Adams, seconded by Gennaria and unanimously carried to approve to close the January 29, 2026 Executive Committee meeting to discuss privileged/confidential legal matter with RAC's attorney (legal representative) pursuant to 610.021 Sec.1. Votes were as follows:

Yea – Ochoa, Fiorello, Carter-Adams, Russell, Gennaria, Arbuthnot





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Nay – none

Abstain - none

CLOSED SESSION HELD/Privileged and Confidential
Legal Issue/Discussion

Ochoa called for a motion to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the open session of the Executive January 29, 2026 Committee pursuant to 610.021 Sec.1. Motion made by Gennaria, seconded by Fiorello, and unanimously approved to adjourn the closed session and to reconvene the open session of the January 29, 2026 Executive Committee pursuant to 610.021, Sec.1. Votes were as follows:

Yea – Ochoa, Fiorello, Carter-Adams, Russell, Gennaria, Arbuthnot

Nay – none

Abstain - none

Public Comment

None in attendance.

Roll Call & Adjournment

Ochoa then called for a motion to adjourn the January 29, 2026 Meeting.

Motion made by Carter-Adams, seconded by Russell, and unanimously approved to adjourn the January 29, 2026 Executive Committee at 9:32 a.m. Votes were as follows:

Yea – Ochoa, Fiorello, Carter-Adams, Russell, Gennaria, Arbuthnot

Nay – none

Abstain – none

ATTACHMENTS

- Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, January 29, 2026
- Government & Legal Affairs Attachments

