



**REGIONAL ARTS  
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**Regional Arts Commission  
Executive Committee Minutes  
April 22, 2025 via ZOOM  
9 a.m.**

**Call to Order & Committee Members in Attendance**

Gennaria called the April 22, 2025 meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and asked Lea to conduct the Committee roll call. Members in attendance: Jerry Gennaria, chair, Sam Fiorello, secretary, Rhonda Carter-Adams, Member-at-Large, Roz Johnson, Member-at-Large

**Committee Members Absent**

Tino Ochoa, vice chair  
John Russell, treasurer

**Motion made by Gennaria, seconded by Johnson, and unanimously approved to convene the April 22, 2025 Executive Committee meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.**

**Votes were as follows:**

**Yay – Gennaria, Fiorello, Carter-Adams, Johnson**

**Nay – none**

**Abstain - none**

**Staff Attendees**

Lea Sutherlin

**Sunshine Request Update**

Gennaria outlined the purpose of the meeting and highlighted the following regarding updates on recent a Sunshine Request from the Holy Joe Society [HJS]: (1) informed this committee about the recording of this meeting and potential for public disclosure; (2) reviewing the latest information on the request; (3) noted that RAC had received the request on April 1, 2025, and reminded this committee that under Missouri Sunshine Law, RAC had three business days to respond; (4) Atty. Travis Kearby had communicated with Judge Dierker regarding the request and confirmed RAC's ability to charge for document retrieval; (5) HJS has submitted payment for these costs [document retrieval]; and (6) ongoing conversations regarding the 15% cost reimbursement statute and how RAC distributes grants.

Discussion was held as follows: (1) legal costs and the timing for responding to the request; (2) guidelines for moving forward without undue delay; (3) concerns raised about whether the Sunshine Request might affect ongoing grant processes; (4) agree that RAC operations would continue as before until or unless further legal clarification; (5) best mode for communicating this update to full Commission; (6) committee members agreed to





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reconvene with Atty. Kearby for further discussions and planned to share meeting recordings with him for transparency; and (7) next full commission meeting scheduled for June 12, which will include grant approvals.

**Adjournment**

Gennaria called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Carter-Adams, seconded by Fiorello and unanimously approved to adjourn the regular session of the April 22, 2025 of the Executive Committee at 9:35 a.m.

**Votes were as follows:**

**Yea – Gennaria, Fiorello, Carter-Adams, Johnson**

**Nay – none**

**Abstain - none**

Submitted by

L. Sutherlin, Exec. Asst. & Commission Administrator

