



**REGIONAL ARTS
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**Regional Arts Commission
Finance Committee Minutes
Monday, August 17, 2026 via ZOOM
9 a.m.**

Call to Order & Roll Call – Russell & Sutherlin

Chair Russell called the August 17, 2026 meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and asked Sutherlin for roll call.

Committee Members in Attendance

John Russell, Rob Arbuthnot, Mont Levy, David Wilson, Tino Ochoa, ex-officio

Yea – Russell, Arbuthnot, Levy, Wilson, Ochoa

Nay – none

Abstain – none

Absent

Cheryl Walker, Gerad Ewing

Staff Attendees

Vanessa Cooksey, Savannah Babington, Charlie Bosco, Ann Haubrich, Tracey Morgan, Chloe Higgins, Lea Sutherlin, Leigh Winter

Others in Attendance

Atty. Travis Kearnbey

Atty. Richard Finneran

KEB - Rick Gratz

Approval of the Minutes, June 8, 2026 (Chair Russell)

Russell called for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2026, Finance Committee meeting.

Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Levy and unanimously carried to approve the June 8, 2026 Finance Committee minutes. Votes were as follows:

Yea – Russell, Arbuthnot, Levy, Wilson, Ochoa

Nay – none

Abstain – none

Government Relations & Public Policy Update (Chair Russell & Cooksey)

Russell called for a motion to close the August 17, 2026 Executive Committee meeting to discuss privileged/confidential legal matter with RAC's attorney (legal representative) pursuant to 610.021 Sec.1.





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Motion made by Levy, seconded by Arbuthnot and unanimously carried to approve to close the August 17, 2026 Finance Committee meeting to discuss privileged/confidential legal matter with RAC's attorney (legal representative) pursuant to 610.021 Sec.1. @ 9:10a. Votes were as follows:

Yea – Russell, Arbuthnot, Levy, Wilson, Ochoa

Nay – none

Abstain - none

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

Russell called for a motion to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the open session of the Finance Committee August 17, 2026 pursuant to 610.021 Sec.1. Motion made by Levy, seconded by Wilson, and unanimously approved to adjourn the closed session and to reconvene the open session of the August 17, 2026 Finance Committee pursuant to 610.021, Sec.1. @ 9:44a. Votes were as follows:

Yea – Russell, Arbuthnot, Levy, Wilson, Ochoa

Nay – none

Abstain - none

Adjournment

Chair Russell called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Levy, seconded by Wilson, and unanimously approved to adjourn the August 17, 2026 Finance Committee meeting at 9:45 a.m. Votes were as follows:

Yea – Russell, Arbuthnot, Levy, Wilson, Ochoa

Nay – none

Abstain – none

Attachments

- Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, June 8, 2026

Submitted by
L. Sutherlin, Exec. Asst. & Commission Administrator

