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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, Sept 26, 2025

10:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

On Location/Hybrid Meeting

SOMArts
934 Brannan Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Online meeting access will be provided at:

<https://arts.ca.gov/about/council-meetings>

ASL Interpretation will be provided via Zoom.

Interpretación simultánea en español – transmisión de audio por Zoom.

10:00 A.M.	1. Call to Order	R. Messina-Captor
10:00 A.M. (5 min)	2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum	C. Gutierrez
10:05 A.M. (5 min)	3. Land and Peoples Acknowledgement	R. Hirabayashi
10:10 A.M. (5 min)	4. Community Agreements	R. Messina-Captor L. Goodwin
10:15 A.M. (5 min)	5. Opening Remarks	R. Messina-Captor
10:20 A.M. (10 min)	6. Welcome by Maria Jenson, SOMArts Cultural Center and Ebon Glenn, San Francisco Arts Commission	M. Jenson E. Glenn
10:30 A.M. (5 min)	7. Chair's Report	R. Messina-Captor
10:35 A.M. (5 min)	8. Executive Director's Report	D. Brazell

10:40 A.M. (5 min)	<p>9. VOTING ITEM: MINUTES</p> <p><i>The Council will vote to approve the following minutes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Council Meeting – June 20, 2025, Hybrid</i> 	R. Messina-Captor
10:45 A.M. (60 min)	<p>10. VOTING ITEM: ALLOCATIONS</p> <p><i>The Allocations Committee will provide recommendations to the Council on the proposed allocations for FY 2025-2026</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation (10 min)</i> • <i>Public Comment (20 min)</i> • <i>Discussion (30 min)</i> 	P. Mercado N. Miner
11:45 A.M. (20 min)	<p>11. VOTING ITEM: 50th ANNIVERSARY AWARDEES CRITERIA, PROCESS, and AWARD DESIGN</p> <p><i>The Ad hoc 50th Anniversary Committee will provide recommendations to the Council on proposed awardees criteria, process, and award design.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation (5 min)</i> • <i>Public Comment (5 min)</i> • <i>Discussion (10 min)</i> 	R. Messina-Captor N. Miner A. Israel
12:05 P.M. (25 min)	<p>12. VOTING ITEM: 50th ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIP PLAN</p> <p><i>The Ad hoc 50th Anniversary Fundraising Committee will provide recommendations to the Council on proposed fundraising and sponsorship plan.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation (5 min)</i> • <i>Public Comment (5 min)</i> • <i>Discussion (15 min)</i> 	P. Mercado R. Stein
12:30 P.M. (30 min)	WORKING LUNCH	

<p>1:00 P.M. (20 min)</p>	<p>13. DISCUSSION: 2026 PROGRAMS</p> <p><i>Director of Programs will facilitate a discussion with the Council to gather what information they may need from staff to support the Programs Policy Committee’s proposal for 2026-2027 programs.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation (5 min)</i> • <i>Discussion (15 min)</i> 	<p>K. Margolis</p>
<p>1:20 P.M. (10 min)</p>	<p>14. COMMITTEE REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Framework • Equity 	<p>D. Keehn R. Hirabayashi V. Estrada R. Hirabayashi</p>
<p>1:30 P.M. (5 min)</p>	<p>15. DISCUSSION: 2026 Council Meeting Dates</p> <p><i>Review proposed 2026 council meeting dates.</i> <i>*Potential dates to coincide with 50th Anniversary awards ceremony.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 23, 2026 • April 29, 2026* • May 15, 2026 • June 24, 2026* • August 14, 2026 • September 2, 2026* • October 23, 2026 • December 11, 2026 	<p>All Council</p>

1:35 P.M. (45 min)	<p>16. General Public Comment</p> <p><i>Two forms of general public comment will be offered:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>Comments will be accepted during the meeting in person or over Zoom.</i> 2) <i>Written comment submissions will also be accepted online prior to and up through 10 a.m. on the second business day following the close of the meeting.</i> <p><i>Live public comments will be limited to three minutes per person and 30 minutes in total, as allowed by Bagley-Keene.</i></p>	C. Gutierrez
2:20 P.M. (5 min)	17. In Memoriam	L. Goodwin
2:25 P.M. (5 min)	<p>18. Closing Remarks</p> <p><i>Call for agenda items for October 24, 2025, Council Meeting – San Bernardino</i></p>	R. Messina-Captor
2:30 P.M.	19. Adjournment	R. Messina-Captor

*Agenda items included within this public notice may be added, removed or altered until 10 days prior to meeting time.

1. All times indicated and the orders of business are approximate and subject to change.
2. Any item listed on the agenda is subject to possible Council action.
3. A brief mid-meeting break may be taken at the call of the Chair.
4. The CAC retains the right to convene an advisory committee meeting pursuant to Government Code Sec. 11125 (d).
5. Public meetings held featuring a virtual/Zoom component will include online Spanish and ASL interpreters whenever possible. Should you need additional reasonable accommodations, please submit your request no later than September 22 at 5 p.m. Please direct your request to the Public Affairs Specialist, Kimberly Brown, at kimberly.brown@arts.ca.gov.
6. Public comment instructions will be provided at <https://arts.ca.gov/about/council-meetings/>
7. Arts and cultural organizations or coalitions that wish to be scheduled on an upcoming agenda must submit a request to info@arts.ca.gov outlining a synopsis of their work and their purpose for inclusion at a Council meeting. All requests will be sent to the Council Chair for consideration and may or may not be accepted and subsequently scheduled.