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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ARTS COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, December 11, 2024 – 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**  
**400 County Center, Press Room, Redwood City, CA 94063**

**MINUTES**

- 1. Roll Call** Chair, Commissioner Magbilang called the meeting to order at 3:29 pm with roll call.  
In Attendance: Commissioners Seymour, Magbilang, Shaikh, Fried, Nair, Jones, Heise, and Deciron  
Absent: Commissioner Anoa'i  
Staff: Aimee Shapiro, Mara Grimes
- 2. Agenda Amendments**  
None
- 3. Oral Communications**  
None
- 4. Action Item**
  - A. Discussion and Approval of Recommended 2025 Grant Awards**

The Director reiterated that this was a difficult funding year complicated by the fact that the CZI grant was not renewed and that they would no longer fund government agencies and that the CA Arts Council reduced funding by more than 50%. The OAC received 51 applications and had \$50,000 to award. She felt that the best way to make an impact and be equitable was to provide 11 grants of \$4,500 each. She noted that each of the Districts was represented and that there were 8 organizations that had been previously funded and 3 new organizations. She emphasized that we were looking to find other ways to have a more robust grant cycle. A motion to accept the OAC grantee funding recommendations was made by Commissioner Heise and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Approved unanimously.

Commissioner Heise shared that in the past she has met with the grantees in her district and suggested that the Commissioners consider doing so. Commissioner Shaikh agreed and said that it shows that funding from the County makes an impact on our arts and culture organizations.
- 5. Adjournment**  
Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:02 pm.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING: January 15, 2025 – 3:00-5:00 PM**

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