

City of Arts & Innovation

BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026, 5 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

- PRESENT: Chair Williams, Vice Chair Vandenberg and Commissioners Ayra, Bello, Wroten, Hutchins, Ward, Benavidez, Tscherednikov and Langner
- ABSENT: Commissioner Wroten
- STAFF PRESENT: Mike Futrell, Sergio Aguilar, Sean Murphy, Peter Kakos, Edward Enriquez, Lee Withers, David Garcia, Gilbert Hernandez, Nathan Mustafa, Hector Villegas, Anthony Zamora, George Khalil, Michelle David, Kris Martinez, Erin Christmas, Mike Allen, Brandi Becker and others

The Budget Engagement Commission meeting was convened at 5:01 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one wishing to address the Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR

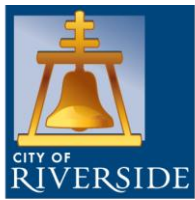
It was moved by Commissioner Hutchins and seconded by Commissioner Langner to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Wroten absent.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2026 were approved as presented.

ATTENDANCE

The absences of Commissioners Ayra and Tscherednikov from the March 12, 2026 meeting were excused as presented.



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DISCUSSION CALENDAR

FISCAL YEAR 2026-2028 BIENNIAL BUDGET: GENERAL FUND AND MEASURE Z SPENDING PLAN WORKSHOP

Following discussion, and without formal motion this item was received and filed.

COMMISSION MEMBER/ STAFF COMMUNICATION

FINANCE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Sergio Aguilar provided an update for the Commission.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

Commissioner Ayra requested promotion of the May BEC meeting, upcoming Measure Z ballot meetings, an agenda item addressing childcare costs, and a future workshop discussion on revenue generation. Vice Chair Vandenberg requested items focused on youth services funding, expenditures related to seniors and people with disabilities, and a detailed overview of current accountability measures as it relates to the Measure Z ballot, including how they would apply if it became permanent. Commissioner Ward requested a comprehensive breakdown of City travel costs.

Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Martinez
Executive Assistant