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**MINUTES**  
OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
CITY OF COACHELLA  
CULTURAL AND ARTS COMMISSION

**September 28, 2023**  
5:00 PM

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Regular Meeting of the Cultural and Arts Commission of the City of Coachella was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Commissioner Armando Lerma, Commissioner Clara Nieblas, Commissioner Irene Rodriguez, Commissioner Juan Ponce Ramos, Commissioner Oralia “Yaya” Ortiz, Commissioner Javier Figueroa

Absent: None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

Made by: Commissioner Figueroa

Seconded by: Commissioner Ortiz

Approved: 6-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioner Lerma, Commissioner Nieblas, Commissioner Rodriguez, Commissioner Ponce Ramos, Commissioner Ortiz, Commissioner Figueroa

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented.

Made by: Commissioner Ortiz

Seconded by: Commissioner Figueroa

Approved: 6-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioner Lerma, Commissioner Nieblas, Commissioner Rodriguez, Commissioner Ponce Ramos, Commissioner Ortiz, Commissioner Figueroa

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**PRESENTATION(S):**

None

**NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE):**

1. Annual Selection of New Commission Chair

Motion: Nominate Commissioner Irene Rodriguez as new Commission Chair

Made by: Chair Lerma

Seconded by: Commissioner Ortiz

Approved: 6-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioner Lerma, Commissioner Nieblas, Commissioner Rodriguez, Commissioner Ponce Ramos, Commissioner Ortiz, Commissioner Figueroa

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

2. Annual Selection of New Vice Chair

Motion: Nominate Commissioner Clara Nieblas as new Vice Chair

Made by: Commissioner Rodriguez

Seconded by: Commissioner Ponce Ramos

Approved: 6-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioner Lerma, Commissioner Nieblas, Commissioner Rodriguez,  
Commissioner Ponce Ramos, Commissioner Ortiz, Commissioner Figueroa

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None

3. Authorize a Grant in the Amount of \$18,000 to the Civil Rights Institute of Inland Southern California to fund an Exhibition by David Bacon entitled, Working Coachella: Images of the Farmworker Community in the Coachella Valley

Motion: Authorize a grant in the amount of \$18,000 to the Civil Rights Institute of Inland Southern California to fund their *Working Coachella* exhibition

Made by: Commissioner Ortiz

Seconded by: Commissioner Ponce Ramos

Approved: 6-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioner Lerma, Commissioner Nieblas, Commissioner Rodriguez,  
Commissioner Ponce Ramos, Commissioner Ortiz, Commissioner Figueroa

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):**

None.

**REPORTS AND REQUESTS:**

- Commissioner Comments
- Staff Liaison Comments

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Culture and Arts Commission, Chair Lerma adjourned the meeting at **6:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Celina Jimenez*

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Celina Jimenez  
Cultural and Arts Commission Liaison