

**Albuquerque Museum Board of Trustees Special Meeting**  
City of Albuquerque Cultural Services

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 10:30am – 11:30am  
Via Zoom Videoconference

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**Board Members Present**

Beverly R. Bendicksen, Chair  
Helen Atkins, Secretary/Treasurer  
Paul M. Mondragon  
Joni Pierce

Alan F. Weitzel, Vice Chair  
Judith N. Suiter  
Chris Baca

**Board Members Absent**

Pamela Weese Powell  
Wayne G. Chew  
Sherri Burr

**Albuquerque Museum Staff Present**

Andrew Connors, Associate Director  
Josie Lopez, Curator of Art  
Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education

Cynthia Garcia, Assistant Director  
Leslie Kim, Curator of History  
Julie Valdez, Administrative Assistant

Dr. Shelle Sanchez, Director of Arts and Culture  
Hakim Bellamy, Deputy Director Arts and Culture

**Request to Record**

Request to record meeting was made by Julie Valdez.  
Request approved unanimously.

**I Call to Order**

The Board Meeting was called to order by Beverly Bendicksen at 10:33am.

**II Introductions**

Chris Baca introduced himself as the newest member to join the Board of Trustees. The Board and meeting attendees all introduced themselves to Chris.

**III Public Comments**

There were no public comments

**IV Update and Discussion of Board of Trustees Policies**

Beverly Bendicksen:

- The revised Board of Trustees Policies and Collections Management Policy were distributed in advance of this meeting. Beverly Bendicksen, Andrew Connors and Josie Lopez provided information about the need to significantly revise and update the existing policies as well as create new documents for the Museum's reaccreditation process which will occur next year.

The philosophy and focus of this effort are to delete out of date policies and replace them with current policies and best practices for museums.

- The Policy Document Working Group includes Josie Lopez, Leslie Kim, Elizabeth Becker, Jillian Hartke, Andrew Connors, Cyndy Garcia, Beverly Bendicksen, Alan Weitzel and Judith Suiter. This group has been working since last fall on updating the current Board of Trustees Policies and Collections Management Policy and creating a Diversity, Equity, Access and Inclusion Policy. Josie is also leading the effort by Museum staff to create a new Strategic Plan and a Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Response Plan for the Museum.
- There was an opportunity for Trustees to ask questions and provide comments regarding the process and revised policies. The current plan is to seek approval of the revised Board of Trustees Policies (Articles I through VII and IX) at the April Board meeting and then Article VIII - Ethics plus the Collection Management Policy at the June Board meeting.

#### **V Adjourn**

Next meeting will be April 14, 2021, at 11:30am

Joni Pierce makes a motion to adjourn, Chris Baca provided a second. Board approves unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28am