

Albuquerque Museum Board of Trustees Meeting
City of Albuquerque Arts & Culture

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:30am – 1:00pm
Albuquerque Museum Amphitheater

Board Members Present

Beverly R. Bendicksen, Chair
Helen Atkins
Sherri Burr
Donald Couchman
Joni Pierce
Christine Glidden

Alan F. Weitzel, Vice Chair
Pamela Weese Powell
Wayne G. Chew
Paul M. Mondragon
Dr. Janet Samorodin-McIlwain
Hilma Chynoweth

Board Members Absent

Chris Baca

Albuquerque Museum Staff Present

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

Cynthia Garcia, Museum Administrator
Leslie Kim, History Curator
Julie Valdez, Administrative Assistant

Dr. Shelle Sanchez Director Cultural Services
Andrew Rogers, AMF Executive Director & CEO (Via Zoom)
Denise Crouse, AMF Communications

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 11:33am.

II Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III Introductions

Introductions were made by all Board members. The Board had (4) new Board of Trustees Members in attendance for this meeting.

IV Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the April 14, 2021, meeting minutes was made by Sherri Burr, Wayne G. Chew provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

V Update and Approval of Board of Trustees Policies

A. Article VIII Ethics:

- Board reviewed the deletions and changes to Article VIII – Ethics recommended by the Policy Document Working Group

A motion to approve the revised policies was made by Sherri Burr, Helen Atkins provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

VI Presentation of Slate of Officers 2021 - 2022

Election of new Board of Trustees Officers will take place in August of 2021:

All Board of Trustee members are welcome to nominate others or self-nominate for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer

- Beverly Bendicksen nominated Alan F. Weitzel for new Chair
- Beverly Bendicksen nominated Helen Atkins for new Vice Chair
- Alan F. Weitzel nominated Paul Mondragon for new Secretary/Treasurer
- No other nominations were presented at this time

VII Discussion of Annual Report to Mayor and Council

- After presentation of a draft outline, the floor was open to discussion and new ideas
- Acknowledge/celebrate the success of the past fiscal year
- Suggestions were made regarding content and embedded links
- The final draft will be presented for approval in August

VIII Director's Report

Andrew Connors Reports:

- Cynthia Garcia has been promoted to Museum Administrator, Department of Arts & Culture
- Andrew Rogers is a breath of fresh air and is showing much support for the Museum
- The Eye to I Exhibit has opened. It came to us from the National Portrait Gallery
- The Albuquerque Museum is the opening venue for the Transcendental Painting Group Exhibit. This was a group of New Mexican Abstract Artists that formed in the 1930's.
- The History Acquisitions Exhibit has also opened
- The Museum School has moved back into the Museum School Classroom. Children's classes continue to thrive and fill to their limited capacity
- Andrew Rogers has transferred several items from Batten House to Museum Collections; these items are donations from the Albuquerque Museum Foundation
- Jill Hartke has purchased photographs from (5) photographers featuring diversity in New Mexico
- Leslie Kim is filling in the gaps in the History permanent collection with representation of community and diversity
- Josie Lopez is filling in the gaps in the Art permanent collection with representation of community and diversity
- Limited public events are returning to the Museum

Cynthia Garcia Reports:

- The Albuquerque Museum will be updating their surveillance cameras
- Casa San Isidro is at full staff and the roof is being worked on
- The Education Center has received enthusiasm from the Mayor

Denise Crouse Reports:

- Digital billboard sign promoting the Mexican Modernism Exhibition at the Museum was successful
- KRQE advertising campaign on their digital platforms for Mexican Modernism
- Spanish Language television campaign on Telemundo for Mexican Modernism
- Working on upcoming PR for the Transcendental Painting Group
- The Santa Fe New Mexican/Pasatiempo continues to cover Museum exhibitions

IX Trustee Recognition

Beverly Bendicksen:

- Sherri Burr is the recipient of the New Mexico Press Women's 2021 Communicator of Achievement Award

X Adjourn

Next meeting will be August 11, 2021, at 11:30am in person at the Albuquerque Museum
Pamela Weese-Powell made a motion to adjourn, Hilma Chynoweth provided a second. Board approves unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 12:52pm