

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

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 11:30am – 1:00pm  
Albuquerque Museum Auditorium

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**Board Members Present**

Sherry Burr, Chairman

Hilma Chynoweth, Vice Chairman

Alan F. Weitzel

John Abreu Grassham

Christine Glidden

Senator Bill Tallman

Lindsey Fromm, Secretary

**Board Members Absent**

Paul Mondragon

Augustine “Chris” Baca

**Albuquerque Museum Staff Present**

Elsa Menendez, Deputy Director

Andrew Connors, Associate Director

Bibi Baloyra, Assistant Director

Alicia Romero, History Curator

Elizabeth Becker, Education Curator

William Gassaway, Assistant Art Curator

Mila Romero, Sr. Administrative Assistant

**Albuquerque Museum Foundation Staff Present**

John Martinez

Stephanie Del Campo

**Public Attendees**

Shaun Nashboo, Boards & Commissions, COA

**I Call to Order by Sherry Burr, and Authorization to Record**

The Board Meeting was called to order by Sherry Burr at 11:31 am and approved to record.

**II Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**III Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the December 10, 2024 meeting minutes (with a request to remove Chairman after Alan Weitzel in the Board Members Present column and change Alan Weitzel to Sherry Burr in Section I) was made by John Grassham, Alan Weitzel provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

**IV Shaun Nashboo with Boards and Commissions**

Shaun Nashboo reported:

- A quorum 51% of total membership
- Robert’s Rules of Order is a good template but the City’s ordinance takes priority, he will provide a copy to the board
- Board members are required to take the 30 min to 1 hour Board Training

## **V William Gassaway to present purchase of Cannupa Hanksa Luger's *Muscle, Bone, and Sinew***

William Gassaway presented:

- Price for this art is \$400,000 but is reduced to \$300,000
- The museum has secured \$150,000 from the Hamersley Fund and the remainder from the Foundation Acquisition Fund

A motion to approve this purchase was made by Hilma Chynoweth, John Grassham provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

## **VI Appointment of Nominating Committee – Sherri Burr**

Nominating Committee will report next session. Board membership: Alan Weitzel and John Grassham.

A motion to approve was made by Christine Glidden, Lindsey Fromm provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

## **VII Museum Director Report – Andrew Connors**

Andrew Connors reported:

- The museum serves local population along with outside world
- Want to thank Bibi Baloyra, Meara Christopher and Leigh Brunner for executing the contract of “Modern Art and Politics in Germany 1910-1945”
- The German exhibition is opening at the Kimbell Museum and he will attend
- The public talk by our outside contractor regarding inclusion and accessibility clearly touched a nerve with the public and community
- Museum positions:
  - Chris Bratton, Preparator at the museum, is transferring to another department within the city
  - Rachel Snow, Photo Archive intern, and Audrey Borneman, Art Assistant, have come on board in temp positions
  - Two positions are pending which are Assistant Curator of History and Head Curator

## **VIII Curators Reports**

Alicia Romero reported:

- Community outreach regarding Route 66
- Pulitzer prize winner, Sonia Nazario will speak on March 14

Elizabeth Becker reported:

- Children’s version of Eliza Naranjo Morse’s bug artwork displays
- UNM students using Albuquerque Museum as a lab for intro to education for students doing field work
- Claudio Perez speaking at a February 22 workshop
- Third Thursday – Broken Boxes - Elisa Harkins performs
- Josie Lopez - closing statement for Broken Boxes March 2

William Gassaway reported:

- Vivarium closed on February 9
- Modern Art and Politics in Germany opens August 23
- Light, Space, and the Shape of Time opens April 5

- Chip Thomas lobby installation extended through April

### **IX Albuquerque Museum Foundation Report – John Martinez**

John Martinez reported:

- Foundation is restructuring and creating different roles
- Very stagnant fundraising when he started and building from the ground up
- Donor contributions could be impacted by political future
- 35<sup>th</sup> and final ArtsThrive Gala on March 1

Stephanie Del Campo reported:

- New fundraising strategy with 3-year goal:
  - Saturday Gala is first major strategy to bridge to next year
  - Constant conversations regarding other fundraising events
  - Inclusion events in the future

### **X Adjourn**

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 11:30 am in person at Albuquerque Museum.

Bill Tallman made a motion to adjourn, Hilma Chynoweth provided a second. Board approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.