

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

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 11:30am – 1:00pm
Albuquerque Museum Ventana Salon

Board Members Present

Paul Mondragon, Vice Chairman
Hilma Chynoweth, Secretary
Steve Gallegos

Senator Bill Tallman
Scott Schaffer

Board Members Absent

Alan F. Weitzel, Chairman
Helen Atkins
Pamela Weese Powell

Sherry Burr
Augustine “Chris” Baca
Christine Glidden

Albuquerque Museum Staff Present

Andrew Connors, Associate Director
Elsa Menendez, Deputy Director
Cyndy Garcia, Museum Administrator

Elizabeth Becker, Education Curator
Mila Romero, Sr. Administrative Assistant

Albuquerque Museum Foundation Staff Present

Andrew Rodgers, Executive Director

I Call to Order by Hilma Chynoweth and Authorization to Record

The Board Meeting was called to order by Hilma Chynoweth at 11:36am and approved to record.

II Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III Approval of Meeting Minutes

There was not a motion to approve the February 8, 2023, meeting minutes due to not having a quorum present.

IV Report on the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) reaccreditation status, Andrew Connors

- Albuquerque Museum received reaccreditation status
- Will share statement/summary with all BOT members
- Thanked all members and foundation for their help
- Andrew Connors read the AAM statement/summary aloud
- Very glowing report
- One minor concern – Museum’s website
- Recommended to share with City Council through Shelle Sanchez, Arts & Culture Director
- Recommended to send a press release

V Update on GO Bond

Andrew Rodgers reported:

- Three weeks ago, City Council met and amended the GO bonds
- Funding cut entirely on three items:
 - Landscaping at the Museum
 - Education Center at the Museum
 - Roof repair at Casa San Ysidro
- Museum Foundation sprang into action and met with every City Councilor/staff
- Noticed there is a lack of awareness from the Councilors
- City Council meeting lasted seven hours on April 3rd and no decisions were made regarding funding
- Invited everyone to the next City Council meeting on April 17th

VI Consideration of changing the meeting day from Wednesday to Tuesday or Thursday

There was not a motion to change the meeting day due to not having a quorum present. Alan Weitzel will send email poll request.

VII Museum Director Report, Andrew Connors

- Josie Lopez in New York at the Whitney Museum of American Art
- Andrew Connors will be in San Diego for the O'Keefe and Moore Exhibition
- Museum staffing:
 - Assistant Art Curator and History Curator start April 24th
 - Collections Curator and Assistant Director are in process
 - It has been more than 5 years since the Museum has been fully staffed
- Cyndy Garcia has worked her magic on the security system and add-ons

VIII Curators Reports

Elizabeth Becker reported:

- Lots of school visits - 169 schools so far through June
- Focus On Youth – annual exhibition with high school students through-out APS opens on May 6th

IX Albuquerque Museum Foundation Report, Andrew Rodgers

- Foundation expanded budget for Magic Bus Program
- ArtsThrive annual fundraiser closes on April 16th
- Foundation in the budget phase and board will approve the budget in June
- Scott Schaffer will present in Andrew Rodger's absence at the June meeting

X Adjourn

Next meeting will be June 14, 2023 or TBD, at 11:30am in person at the Albuquerque Museum. There was not a motion to adjourn due to not having a quorum present.

Meeting adjourned at 12:46pm.