

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

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 11:30am – 1:00pm
Albuquerque Museum Auditorium

Board Members Present

Sherri Burr, Chair
Alan F. Weitzel
Paul Mondragon

Hilma Chynoweth, Vice Chair
Senator Bill Tallman
Lindsey Fromm, Secretary

Board Members Absent

John Abreu Grassham

Christine Glidden

Albuquerque Museum Staff Present

Andrew Connors, Associate Director
Alicia Romero, History Curator
Diana Delgado, Museum Engagement Coord.

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

None

I Call to Order by Sherri Burr, and Authorization to Record

The Board Meeting was called to order by Sherri Burr at 11:32 am and authorization was granted to record.

II Public Comment

There were no public comments.

III Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the April 15, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Hilma Chynoweth, Alan Weitzel provided a second. Six in favor and one abstention.

IV Report of Committee Searching for New Board Members – John Abreu Grassham and Alan Weitzel

- Paul Mondragon reported that Joaquin Baca, City Councilor, has a candidate but needs a second candidate.
- Shelle Sanchez will check on the two-person candidate ordinance with Boards and Commissions.
- Josie Lopez will be proposed for appointment to a Mayor At Large seat to replace Sherri Burr.

V Revision to Reserve Collection Policy

Andrew Connors reported:

- Requesting to return “reserve collection” to the existing BOT policy. This allows use of objects by the Museum with less stringent requirements for care according to museum collections standards.

A motion to approve was made by Alan Weitzel, Paul Mondragon provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

VI Museum Director Report – Andrew Connors

- Ginger Hendricks continues to send invoices to IMLS Grant and receives payments. Thank you to the Albuquerque Museum Foundation for offering flexibility in funding during this second year of the IMLS Grant should the Federal Government stop providing reimbursement of our expenses.
- Two bright spots: City of Albuquerque consistent and reliable budget each year and Ginger Hendricks' grant writing opportunities for upcoming exhibitions

VII Deaccessioning Policies – Alicia Romero

Ellen Castrone introduced the deaccessioning policies in the previous BOT meeting. Dr. Romero brought items for show and tell to demonstrate how items deteriorate over time as examples of types of objects that could be candidates for deaccession in the future.

VIII Curators Reports

Elizabeth Becker reported:

- Tours this year: 288 School classrooms and 13 community groups that included Pueblo of Isleta, YMCA, Mescalero. 14% from outside Albuquerque which included Colorado Springs, Alaska, St. Louis. We are back to pre-covid numbers.
- Introduced Diana Delgado as a new staff member of the Education program. Diana will bring her wonderful skills to Third Thursdays and engaging youth and community at the museum.

Alicia Romero reported:

- Introduced Henrietta Koplik, Junior Mentorship Program student who is a sophomore at Sandia Prep HS. Henrietta is learning about the museum and interviewing museum staff for social media. She is joined by three other high school students assigned to the museum in this program administered by the city's Youth and Family Services Department.
- On-going research on Route 66 exhibition and post-cards for a catalog.
- Jonathan Wright is now a permanent city employee as the Assistant History Curator starting June 30, 2025.

William Gassaway reported:

- This year's lobby Visiting Artist, Nani Chacon, installed *Erase the Horse...* last month.
- Received coverage on the *Light, Space, and the Shape of Time* exhibition in Southwest Contemporary magazine and the Albuquerque Journal.
- Abstracting Nature exhibition opens Saturday, June 21, 2025.

IX Albuquerque Museum Foundation Report – John Martinez

John Martinez reported:

- Wrapping up the end of year.
- Foundation has new staff members who are really qualified, focused, thorough, and creative.
- Received a \$250,000 grant for Casa San Ysidro preservation for a new roof
- Board Members: Chair, Stephanie Del Campo; Treasurer, Hank Andrews; and Secretary, Roberto Ortega.
- Fundraising projects in the works: Garden Party in September focused on the German exhibition and a Gala in May 2026.

X Adjourn

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 11:30 am in person at Albuquerque Museum.

Bill Tallman made a motion to adjourn, Alan Weitzel provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:39 pm.