

**ALBUQUERQUE MUSEUM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**  
**held at the Albuquerque Museum Conference Room**  
**2000 Mountain Road NW**

**9 October, 2019**

**Present: BOT members:**

Pamela Weese Powell, Chair  
Judith Suiter  
Beverly Bendicksen  
Helen Atkins  
Alan Weitzel  
Wayne Chew

**CABQ STAFF:**

Andrew Connors, Museum Director  
Josie Lopez, Curator of Art  
Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education  
Denise Crouse, Communications Manager

**City of Albuquerque Cultural Services**

Dr. Shelle Sanchez, Director

**aM FOUNDATION:**

Marney Hupper, Board of Directors President

Absent: Hal Behl (BOT); joni palmer (BOT); Emily Blaugrund Fox (aMF Executive Director)

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**Meeting called to order**

Chairperson Pamela Weese Powell called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Helen moved to revise the August 19th minutes to mark Alan Weitzel as absent with a second by Judith. The motion passed unanimously.

Beverly moved to approve the August 19th minutes with the revision, with a second by Judith. The motion passed unanimously.

**Chairperson's Report – Pamela Weese Powell**

Pamela began with an update on the aM Foundation Board retreat, speaking to her goal of further harmonizing the relationship and understanding between the foundation board, the city, and the Museum. She mentioned prioritizing with the foundation board the “2 minute pitch” for the Education Center and its potential capital campaign.

Judith is finishing the annual report.

Had the suggestion to ask Mayor Tim Keller and his family to be a spokesperson(s) for the Education Center campaign.

**Museum Director's Report—Andrew Connors**

- Recognized Dr. Shelle Sanchez's presence and engagement with the board.
- Curator of History position open through November 4th and posted on the museums website.
- Reported on the robust and effective programming through the education department.
- Cindy is working on the roof standards, maintenance, and repairs.
- Continuing to push forward security systems, which are already above standard
- Expressed current struggles with central security office regarding scheduling issues with security officers.
- Thrilled to be moving forward with the Education Center and encouraged creative thinking around the naming of said center.

- Passed the conversation over to Shelle:
  - Spoke to the importance of the relationship between the City, and both the museum and foundation board, especially in relation to the Education Center’s potential capital campaign.
  - Spoke to the vibrancy in the neighborhood right now.
  - Engaged in conversation around the feasibility and strategy of the potential campaign.

**Foundation Report—Marney Harper**

- Arts Thrive: Collectors Dinner October 17, Gala October 19th. Encouraged members to attend both events.
- Suggested Mark from the foundation board to sit on the selection committee for the Curator of History position.
- Inspired by the Cultural Services Balloon fiesta event at the Balloon Museum, the next foundation board meeting will take place at the Balloon Museum.
- Working on strategic planning as they are at the end of a current 3 year cycle. Engaged in conversation around best practices regarding this.
- Reported on Patio Market and engaged in conversation regarding its future in relation to its relevance, maintenance, tenants, and programming potential with the museum.
- Reported on the foundation board retreat with current board members (27). The board has a capacity of 48 and spoke to the potential for nominees. The board is thinking about the potential capital campaign (has not yet been voted on).

**Curator Reports**

Josie Lopez, Curator of Art

- Submitted the Art Collection Guide, competing the series of three.
- E-museum up and running
- Reported on acquisitions and will share the minutes from the last meeting with Pamela.
- Spoke to the Museum’s commitment to collect and represent contemporary, Latino, and native artists.
- Reported on upcoming exhibitions-The Jim Henson Exhibition opening November 23rd.

Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education

- Reported on upcoming programming specifically around the Jim Henson Exhibition.
- Mentioned the grant received from the Jim Henson Foundation and the programing that has been made available through that.
- Reported on the Aroha grant and the programming, both finished and upcoming, that has been made available for adults over 55.
- Reported on the Mayor's Youth Initiative fund that has been funded again this year and the programs at the Juvenile Detention Center and New Day for at-risk youth.

**Other Reports**

Denise Crouse, Communications Manager

- Distributed “Top 5 ways to know what's happening at the Albuquerque Museum and Foundation”
- October 20th Palace of the Governor exhibition closes
- October 21st billboard advertisement for the Henson exhibition goes up.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 1:01 pm by Pamela**

**NEXT MEETING: Weds. 11 December @ 11:30 am to 1 pm in the ABQ Museum Conference Room**