

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

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 11:30am – 1:00pm  
Albuquerque Museum Ventana Salon

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**Board Members Present**

Alan F. Weitzel, Chair	Helen Atkins, Vice-Chair
Paul Mondragon, Secretary, Treasurer	Beverly R. Bendicksen
Hilma Chynoweth	Sherri Burr
Wayne G. Chew	Joni Pierce
Donald Couchman	Dr. Samorodin-McIlwain
Christine Glidden	

**Board Members Absent**

Pamela Weese Powell	Chris Baca
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**Albuquerque Museum Staff Present**

Andrew Connors, Associate Director	Claudia Gallardo de Campbell
Josie Lopez, Curator of Art	Leslie Kim, Curator of History
Julie Valdez, Administrative Assistant	

Dr. Shelle Sanchez, Director, Arts & Culture	Hakim Bellamy, Deputy Director, Arts & Culture
Denise Crouse, aMF Museum Preparator	

**I Call to Order**

The Board Meeting was called to order by Alan F. Weitzel at 11:33am.

**II Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**III Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the October 13, 2021, meeting minutes was made by Beverly Bendicksen, Hilma Chynoweth provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

**IV Museum Documents Update – Josie Lopez**

BOT to review re-accreditation document packet distributed in-draft form

- A) Upgraded Mission Statement was included
- B) Ethics Policy
  - Individual assessment plans in progress
- C) Strategic Plan
  - Disaster preparedness in progress
- D) Collections Management Policy
  - Curator's team is working on the management of all collections and relevance of pieces in collection
  - BOT vote and approval of documents at February 9, 2022, meeting

- Final Documents due in July 2022,
- Site visit will be in late 2022
- Accreditation schedule set by American Alliance of Museums
- aM has been accredited for 40 years

## **V Education Center Campaign Update – Joni Pierce**

The aM Foundation is committed to raising \$1.4 million in private donations to support the building of the Education Center

- The aMF has raised \$193,000 in contributions and commitments at 14% of goal
- Total amount of project estimated at \$14 million - \$20 Million +
- Next step is for the city to hire an architect to come up with plans and a firm cost estimate
- aMF hired Ann Conway, Lobbyist
- aMF successfully secured \$445,000 from the State of NM Legislature
- aMF will go before the legislature on January 18, 2022, and February 17, 2022
- aMF initiated the Capital Campaign in 2019. The campaign was put on hold due to the pandemic and resumed in 2021.

## **VI Appointment of Members of the Art Advisory and History Advisory Committees**

- A) Two new members are required for each committee. One new member of the History Committee must be a Trustee, the others can be either a Trustee or Community member
- Art Advisory Committee New Members:
    - Clarence Cruz – Community Member
    - Karsten Creightney – Community Member
  - History Advisory Committee New Members:
    - Paul Mondragon – Board of Trustees
    - Diane Palley – Community Member

A motion to approve the new Advisory Committee members was made by Sherri Burr, Wayne G. Chew provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

## **VII Bylaws Review Committee Update – Donald Couchman**

The Bylaws Committee met on November 30, 2021

- The committee members have specific assignments to address
- The committee goal is to present to the BOT at the February 9, 2022, meeting

## **VIII Director's Report**

Andrew Connors Reports:

- Introduction of Claudia Gallardo de Campbell, aM Assistant Director
- Warehouse Development
  - November GO Bond passed for warehouse renovations
  - State of the Art Warehouse on 12<sup>th</sup> St. will be shared space with carpentry and storage
- Art & History Acquisition Report in progress
- aM will add a 1740 granite sculpture from Galicia Oreo, Spain to the West Sculpture Garden. The piece is 45' long and 12' tall and was donated to us from the Hispanic Society in NY
- New acquisitions in fashion and leather goods from Madrid, Spain
- Agricultural Component
- aM is providing Virtual Educational Tours globally which have been requested by Elementary Educators in Guatemala, Puerto Rico, Jacksonville FL., and El Rito, NM.

- aM Staffing Positions Filled
  - Claudia Gallardo de Campbell, aM Assistant Director
  - Margo Watson-Baca, Receptionist
  - Nassrin Christian, Head Cashier
  - Doug Simon, Casa San Isidro Tour Guide
- Am Staffing Positions to be filled before the end of 2021:
  - Maintenance Supervisor
  - Registrar
- Since May 2021, we have lost (12) staff members
- Cede Remaining Time to Denise Crouse

Presentation by Denise Crouse

- Short video presentation promoting Albuquerque museum is available on One Albuquerque social media platforms
- Scottish Design featured in Albuquerque Journal and Blogger from Art World
- Press Release on Indigo featured on KOAT on December 7, 2021

**IX Albuquerque Museum Foundation Report**

Joni Pierce Reports:

- Mikaela Guggino has started as the new Development Coordinator for the aMF
- Stan & Gay Betzer Children's Fund Donated \$50,000. aMF matched \$50,000. Stan & Gay Betzer Children's Fund matched their original donation which totals \$150,000 raised.
- Next fundraiser will be Masterworks
- aMF sponsored prints in the Printer's Proof Exhibition will be acquired by the aM

**X Adjourn**

Next meeting will be February 9, 2022, at 11:30am in person at the Albuquerque Museum  
 Sherri Burr made a motion to adjourn, Joni Pierce provided a second. Board approves unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57pm