

Albuquerque Museum Board of Trustees Meeting

City of Albuquerque Arts & Culture

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 11:30am – 1:00pm

Via Zoom Videoconference

Board Members Present

Beverly R. Bendicksen, Chair
Pamela Weese Powell
Sherri Burr
Joni Pierce
Chris Baca

Alan F. Weitzel, Vice Chair
Judith N. Suiter
Paul M. Mondragon
Wayne G. Chew

Board Members Absent

Helen Atkins

Albuquerque Museum Staff Present

Andrew Connors, Associate Director
Leslie Kim, History Curator
Julie Valdez, Administrative Assistant

Josie Lopez, Art Curator
Elizabeth Becker, Education Curator

Hakim Bellamy, Deputy Director Cultural Services
Andrew Rogers, AMF Executive Director & CEO
Denise Crouse, AMF Communications

Request to Record

Request to record meeting was made by Julie Valdez.
Request approved unanimously.

I Call to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by Beverly Bendicksen at 11:33am.

II Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the February 10, 2021, and the March 31, 2021, meeting minutes together was made by Pamela Weese Powell, Sherri Burr provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

IV Introduction of Andrew Rogers AMF Executive Director & CEO

Joni Pierce:

- Joni introduced Andrew Rogers noting his past experiences and qualifications for running a non-profit organization.
- Andrew Rogers comes from Denver, CO and will relocate to Albuquerque
- Andrew's past experience includes being Executive Director and CEO of Denver Film Society

and Executive Director, Artistic Director and CEO of the River Run Film Festival in Winston Salem, North Carolina

Andrew Rogers:

- Discussed goals, priorities and excitement for leading the Albuquerque Museum Foundation

V Update and Approval of Board of Trustee Policies

Beverly Bendicksen:

- Policy Document Working Group comprised of Trustees and Key Museum Staff members is working on revising these policies; Articles I through VII and IX were significantly modified
- Article VIII – Ethics section has not been changed and is being reviewed with revisions expected in the future

A motion to approve revised policies was made by Joni Pierce, Paul Mondragon provided a second.

- Joni requests that in Article I, 1.6 the Museum Foundation be changed to Albuquerque Museum Foundation Inc. and referred to thereafter as Foundation
- Board approved unanimously.

Andrew Connors:

Next year's Review for Re-Accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums will benefit from these and other document updates that are occurring and are being spearheaded by Josie Lopez. First accreditation was in 1980. The City of Albuquerque is also undergoing similar document reviews. The agreement between the City of Albuquerque and the Albuquerque Museum Foundation is currently under review.

VI Museum Director Report

Andrew Connors Reports:

- Thanked Museum front of house and back of house staff for the success of the Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera and Mexican Modernism Exhibit's success.
- COVID capacity limitations along with timed ticketing helped in keep the museum safe for attendees and working staff
- New initiatives to reach new audiences included advertising in the Spanish language which allowed us to serve more of our community
- We are still in the COVID Yellow Status for NM. Yellow allows (10) people per gathering, Green will allow (20) people per gathering and Turquoise will allow (150) people per gathering
- We have been encouraged to help our Performing Arts Community re-engage with their audiences. Following the Frida Kahlo Exhibit we will have a drop-in opportunity in our outdoor Amphitheater for visitors of the museum to experience a performance by Opera Southwest. We will have a similar program on Sunday mornings with Chatter in our outdoor Amphitheater.
- Event Rentals are currently on hold. We are working with summer Performing Arts groups to reschedule their events to the autumn and fall. Our large Educational programs and events are also holding off until autumn before they return on a regular basis.
- Thanked City Council working with Helen Maestas and the Mayor's office to have moved forward with augmenting our Board with Sherri Burr, Paul Mondragon and Chris Baca as new Board members and look forward to welcoming more appointed Board members in the future.

VII Art Advisory Committee Report

Josie Lopez Reports:

- New advisory committee meeting members Jacob Sisneros and Ray Dewey joined our recent meeting. They were both very engaged and are broader community voices on this committee.
- Shared a PowerPoint of items that were accepted by the committee.
- Gave an update on exiting and arriving exhibits at the Albuquerque Museum.

VIII History Advisory Committee Report

Leslie Kim Reports:

- New advisory committee meeting members Juan Abeyta and Teri Reynoso joined our recent meeting. Brought many new questions and brought fresh ideas to the committee.
- Shared a PowerPoint of items that were accepted by the committee.
- Recent History Acquisitions Exhibit has opened in Gallery 6.

IX Trustee Recognition

Beverly Bendicksen:

- Thanked Judith Suiter for her valuable participation on the Board of Trustees.
- Judith became a Trustee in 2016 and served as Board Chair 2018 -2019.
- Began the process of professionalizing the Board
- Active member of the History Advisory Committee and the Policy Document Working Group

Andrew Connors:

- Judith assisted in transforming the Board into the activist board that it is now.

Judith Suiter:

- Thanked everyone, loves the museum and all the great things that the museum and the Board are accomplishing

Pamela Weese:

- Thanked Judith her mentorship and for turning the Albuquerque Museum Board of Trustees into a working board. You will be missed.

Hakim Bellamy:

- The City of Albuquerque, the Department of Arts & Culture and the Albuquerque Museum all thank you for your service, dedication and leadership.

Joni Pierce:

- The Albuquerque Museum Foundation also thanks you for your leadership and your support of the Foundation.

X New Business

We will have orientation with (4) new Board of Trustee members in the month of May and we will invite them to join the June 2021 meeting.

XI Adjourn

Next meeting will be June 9, 2021, at 11:30am

Joni Pierce made a motion to adjourn, Chris Baca provided a second. Board approves unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:47pm