

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

Wednesday, August 8, 2023 11:30am – 1:00pm
Albuquerque Museum Ventana Salon

Board Members Present

Alan F. Weitzel, Chairman	Augustine “Chris” Baca
Paul Mondragon, Vice Chairman	Christine Glidden
Hilma Chynoweth, Secretary	Senator Bill Tallman
Sherri Burr	

Board Members Absent

Steve Gallegos	Scott Schaffer
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Albuquerque Museum Staff Present

Andrew Connors, Associate Director	Elizabeth Becker, Education Curator
Cyndy Garcia, Museum Administrator	Michelle Lanteri, Curator of Collections
Josie Lopez, Head Curator	Mila Romero, Sr. Administrative Assistant
William Gassaway, Assistant Curator of Art	

Albuquerque Museum Foundation Staff Present

Denise Crouse in Andrew Rodgers, Executive Director’s absence

Public Attendees

Beverly Bendicksen

I Call to Order by Alan Weitzel, and Authorization to Record

The Board Meeting was called to order by Alan Weitzel at 11:40am and approved to record.

II Public Comment

There were no public comments.

III Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the June 14, 2023, meeting minutes (with corrections made to VIII adding Hilma Chynoweth to the list of proposed officers) was made by Paul Mondragon, Chris Baca provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

IV Introduction of William Gassaway, Assistant Curator of Art

Josie Lopez introduces William:

- Brings significant skills and valuable experience to our team
- Native New Mexican
- Works closely with Josie
- BA from University of New Mexico
- PHD from Columbia University

William Gassaway reported:

- Happy to be back in New Mexico
- Graduated from Manzano HS to telemarketer at MCI to YMCA to Planetarium Operator for elementary kids
- Graduated from UNM
- Backpacked through Central America
- Accepted to Columbia
- Worked at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York
- Presented a powerpoint presentation on his Mesoamerican research focuses

Board members introduce themselves

V Update on GO Bond, if any

Andrew Connors reported:

- No movement on reallocation of funds
- Asked if anyone is interested in contacting city councilors

VI Nomination and vote for Officers for 2023/2024 year

Hilma Chynoweth motions to approve as presented in the last meeting:

- Alan F. Weitzel, Chairman
- Sherri Burr, Vice Chairman
- Paul Mondragon, Treasurer
- Hilma Chynoweth, Secretary

Paul Mondragon provided second. Board approved unanimously.

VII Museum Director Report, Andrew Connors

- Photo Archives update – long and unusual process to upgrade the Photo Archivist position to Curator of Photo Archive Collections finally complete
- Patrick Tafoya, Facility Manager is leaving the museum for City Hall
- Vacancies – Assistant Director, Events Coordinator, Facility Manager, and Assistant Facility Manager
- Cyndy Garcia has done a great job with the security system upgrades
- Climate control is a concern in the facility but staff and outside experts are investigating solutions
- O’Keeffe and Moore Exhibition opens on 9/30/23 thanks to the effort of Josie Lopez and her team - Encourages everyone to come to the opening events
- Casa San Ysidro:
 - Water abatement systems with City of Corrales is a challenge
 - Serey Chhun, General Service Worker doing a great job

VIII Curators Reports

Josie Lopez reported:

- Grants - \$250,000 received from Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) over 3 years which includes 1-1/2 positions and 20% to e-museum, Hammersley grant received \$30,000 over 10 years
- Chip Thomas is the next Visiting Artist
- Broken Boxes podcast received \$110,000 from the Andy Warhol Foundation
- Albuquerque Museum Foundation helping with grants to diversify funding sources
- Exhibitions:

- *Danny Lyon* closing
- *O’Keeffe and Moore* opening
- *Dictators and the Disappeared* is a very important story to tell
- *News for the People* - Curated by Jonathan Wright, Curatorial Assistant

Elizabeth Becker reported

- Wrapped up summer programs with 43 groups and 1,500 students over 9 weeks
- Jody Vanesky does an amazing job with data and organization
- Magic Bus could be a year round program – challenge with staff and space to justify new education building
- Ready for Fall programs
- NM icon O’Keeffe will increase visits with guided and self-guided tours

Michelle Lanteri reported:

- Working on reviewing sculptures for conservation needs
- Upcoming *O’Keeffe and Moore* exhibition install schedules

IX Albuquerque Museum Foundation Report, Andrew Rodgers

Denise Crouse reported in Andrew Rodgers’ absence:

- Received grant from Bank of America for education and 3rd Thursday events
- PNM Resources grant towards education
- Rotary del Sol grant in the works
- Youth Education campaign formerly Magic Bus – expanding the message with Art Matters and Art With Class
- Great response to Masterworks campaign for *O’Keeffe and Moore* – exceeded goal of \$30,000

X Adjourn

Next meeting will be October 17, 2023, at 11:30am in person at the Albuquerque Museum. (Date changed to accommodate Balloon Fiesta schedules.)

Sherri Burr made a motion to adjourn, Hilma Chynoweth provided a second. Board approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm.