

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

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 11:30am – 1:00pm  
Albuquerque Museum Auditorium

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**Board Members Present**

Alan F. Weitzel, Chairman  
Hilma Chynoweth, Secretary  
Steve Gallegos

Senator Bill Tallman  
Lindsey Fromm  
Roddy Thompson (Scott Schaffer)

**Board Members Absent**

Paul Mondragon  
Sherri Burr, Vice Chairman

Augustine “Chris” Baca  
Christine Glidden

**Albuquerque Museum Staff Present**

Shelle Sanchez, Director of Arts & Culture  
Elsa Menendez, Deputy Director  
Andrew Connors, Associate Director  
Cyndy Garcia, Museum Administrator

Josie Lopez, Head Curator  
Alicia Romero, History Curator  
Elizabeth Becker, Education Curator  
Mila Romero, Sr. Administrative Assistant

**Albuquerque Museum Foundation Staff Present**

Roddy Thompson in Andrew Rodgers, Executive Director’s absence

**Public Attendees**

None

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

The Board Meeting was called to order by Alan Weitzel at 11:42am and approved to record.

**II Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**III Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the August 8, 2023, meeting minutes (modified by removing the Treasurer as an officer) was made by Hilma Chynoweth, Steve Gallegos provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

**IV Introduction of new Board member, Lindsey Fromm, Alan Weitzel**

Andrew Connors introduces Lindsey, Board members and staff introduce themselves.

Lindsey Fromm reported:

- Her husband, Chris Bratton, works here at the museum as a Preparator
- She and Chris have a son, Sage
- Teaches a jewelry making class at CNM
- Has been a paper maker for 15 years

## **V Update on the design process for the Education Center, Andrew Connors**

Andrew Connors reported:

- Cyndy Garcia and Shelle Sanchez have been fundamental in this process
- Will discuss with State legislature for capital funding
- Will have more information after meeting this Thursday
- Will discuss the naming of the physical space and the names will have term limits
- The architects are re-thinking the amphitheater space

## **VI Report on complexity of the O’Keeffe and Moore installation, Andrew Connors**

Andrew Connors reported:

- From the beginning with opening organizations, administrative planning, loan fees the museum was very much involved
- 20 people supervising the unpacking of objects
- Conservators on-site hired by the museum
- Very short list of people to enter the gallery during install
- Two security guards at all times
- Our team is heroic, finished install two days early
- Received praise from London, San Diego and National Gallery of Art
- Took an incredible amount of planning with security and city employees

## **VII Museum Director Report, Andrew Connors**

Andrew Connors reported:

- New security system through the City
  - 4 locations have access to cameras: Director, Asst. Director, Security Office and Front Desk
  - Use footage if there are incidents or protests about the way someone was treated
  - Thank you Cyndy Garcia and Shelle Sanchez
- Museum Staff
  - Asst. Director position will be filled on January 15, 2024. Bibi Baloyra came highly recommended.
  - Curator of Collections position is vacant. Michelle Lanteri took another job.
  - Asst. Curator of Education position is vacant. Jessica Coyle resigned.

## **VIII Curators Reports**

Elizabeth Becker reported:

- Third Thursday programming is a very dynamic community experience and will continue
- Working on ways to keep going – Jessica had a wonderful structure in place
- Museum Guide Training – over 100 volunteers
- Over 130 school tours scheduled

Josie Lopez reported:

- *Coast to Coast to Coast*, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, and *Broken Boxes* exhibitions coming up
- Asked everyone to visit *O’Keeffe and Moore, Journalism and Dictators* before they close
- Described the \$250,000 IMLS Grant - Two people to assist in cataloging and photo archives

Alicia Romero reported:

- Working on History exhibits including *Nuclear Communities*, *Border Doors Puertas Fronterizas* and Centennial of Route 66

#### **IX Albuquerque Museum Foundation Report, Andrew Rodgers**

Roddy Thompson reported in Andrew Rodgers' absence:

- Earned \$48,000 for the Masterworks program for *O'Keeffe and Moore*
- November 9<sup>th</sup> is the Patrons Circle Dinner and Jill Hartke, Alicia Romero, and Josie Lopez are presenting
- Foundation hopes the GO Bond passes in the next election
- Will travel to Santa Fe for the short State Legislative session discussion

#### **X Adjourn**

Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 11:30am in person at the Albuquerque Museum. Lindsey Fromm made a motion to adjourn, Hilma Chynoweth provided a second. Board approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.