

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

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 11:30am – 1:00pm
Albuquerque Museum Auditorium

Board Members Present

Alan F. Weitzel, Chairman	Christine Glidden
Sherrri Burr, Vice Chairman	Senator Bill Tallman
Hilma Chynoweth, Secretary	Lindsey Fromm
John Abreu Grassham	

Board Members Absent

Paul Mondragon	Scott Schaffer
Augustine “Chris” Baca	

Albuquerque Museum Staff Present

Cyndy Garcia, Museum Administrator	Elizabeth Becker, Education Curator
Andrew Connors, Associate Director	Alicia Romero, History Curator
Bibi Baloyra, Assistant Director	Mila Romero, Sr. Administrative Assistant

Albuquerque Museum Foundation Staff Present

John Martinez	Denise Crouse
Alicyn Archuleta	Mikaela Guggino
Elaine Richardson	

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 11:36 am and approved to record.

II Public Comment

There were no public comments.

III Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the April 9, 2024 meeting minutes was made by Christine Glidden, Hilma Chynoweth provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

IV Introduction of John Abreu Grassham, new District 4 Trustee: Alan Weitzel

Alan Weitzel introduced John Abreu Grassham to the board.

V Introduction of John Martinez, Interim Director of the Albuquerque Museum Foundation: Andrew Connors

Andrew Connors introduced John Martinez

VI Presentation of Major Art Acquisition, Josie Lopez

Andrew Connors reported:

- Art acquisition with \$500,000 from the Frederick Hammersley Foundation, \$160,000 in city funds
- Most expensive purchase since 1986 Georgia O’Keeffe
- Acquisition from the Richard Diebenkorn Foundation

A motion to approve the proposed acquisition was made by Sherri Burr, Lindsey Fromm provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

VII Museum Director Report, Andrew Connors

Andrew Connors reported:

- Museum’s intentions and relationships with international, national, and regional issues show in our exhibitions of *Coast to Coast to Coast*, *Making American Artists*, and *Vivarium*
- Upcoming exhibitions:
 - *Broken Boxes* with the Chip Thomas mural and Raven Chacon installation already on view
 - *Border Doors* with a collaborative vision of high school students interacting with global issues
- Status on the Education Center:
 - Architect reconsidered location to front of the museum
 - Phase I – Magic Bus, gathering, and support spaces
 - Phase II – all ages activity space, museum school classroom, museum guide office and prep space for teachers
 - Roof decks over each phase where kids can run around
 - Presentation from Devendra Contractor, Project Architect in August
- Museum Staff updates:
 - Corinne Toczylowski hired as the Maintenance Supervisor
 - Adrian Lopez hired as a General Service Worker and starts on Monday
 - Operations and Events Coordinator position closes on June 17
 - Accountant II and Assistant Curator remain vacant

VIII Curators Reports

Alicia Romero reported:

- *Nuclear Communities* exhibition has been an incredible show for us
- Working on *Border Doors* exhibition – picking up doors from Sandia Prep High School
- On-going work for History:
 - Rt. 66 Centennial
 - Timeline with City of Albuquerque for City Hall first floor public space
- IMLS grant nearing a year and numbers are on target

Elizabeth Becker reported:

- Gathered data for FY2023/24 tours
 - Overall visits from groups of K-12 grades – 208
 - Groups are larger for middle school and high school visits
 - Adult tours have doubled
- Working with a Mayor’s Creative Youth Program intern who is interested in NM Media Arts and Art & History

Andrew Connors reported in Josie Lopez's absence:

- Art team is focusing on *Broken Boxes* exhibition including catalogue published by UNM press
- Self-published book for *Vivarium* exhibition

IX Albuquerque Museum Foundation Report, John Martinez

John Martinez reported:

- Support of Education Center capital campaign, Magic Bus and other projects
- Grant programs thriving with national reach
- Look forward to FY2025

X Appointment of Nominating Committee: Alan Weitzel

- Received two volunteers for the Nominating Committee which are Hilma Chynoweth, Sherri Burr and Christine Glidden
- Committee to report at next meeting
- Floor open to others

XI Adjourn

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 11:30 am in person at Albuquerque Museum.

Sherri Burr made a motion to adjourn, Lindsey Fromm provided a second. Board approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:46 pm.