

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

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 11:30am – 1:00pm
Albuquerque Museum Conference Room or Via Zoom

Board Members Present

Alan F. Weitzel
Sherri Burr, Chairman

Hilma Chynoweth, Vice Chairman
John Abreu Grassham

Board Members Absent

Paul Mondragon
Augustine “Chris” Baca
Christine Glidden

Senator Bill Tallman
Lindsey Fromm, Secretary
Roddy Thomson

Albuquerque Museum Staff Present

Elsa Menendez, Deputy Director
Cyndy Garcia, Museums Administrator
Andrew Connors, Associate Director
Josie Lopez, Head Curator

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

Albuquerque Museum Foundation Staff Present

John Martinez

Stephanie DelCampo

Guests

None

Members of the Public

None

I. Call to Order by Sherri Burr, and Authorization to Record

The Board Meeting was called to order by Sherri Burr at 11:33 am and approved to record.

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

There was not a motion to approve the August 13, 2024 meeting minutes as no quorum present.

IV. Follow up question and answer session regarding Education Center Design, Andrew Connors

Andrew Connors commented:

The architect prepared walls for super graphics and temporary exhibitions that are engagingly dynamic and an inexpensive wow factor. Ventana Salon was not meant for the Magic Bus program but renovations forced the move to this venue on a temporary basis.

Stephanie DelCampo commented:

Working on fundraising and would like list of programming in Ventana Salon or the Education Center.

Elizabeth Becker commented:

Will provide a list and goals of the Education Center and use of the spaces.

Alan Weitzel commented:

Once Magic Bus moves to the Education Center Ventana Salon will not be used for school groups and will be available for other events, meetings, and programs for which it was originally designed.

V. Museum Director Report, Andrew Connors

Andrew Connors reported:

- Outreach for Broken Boxes received national coverage and is bringing in new visitors with the New York Times insert
- Raising awareness of the museum not just regionally but nationwide which is helpful when going for national grants and other funding
- Introduces Patrick Martin, Operations and Events Supervisor

VI. Curators Reports

Josie Lopez reported:

- Broken Boxes and Vivarium exhibitions on view
- Vivarium catalogs are in-house and will be handed out at next meeting
- Take a look at the comment book that shows the feedback and how people are responding
- Broken Boxes has been a 3-year project with Ginger Dunnill
 - Sound installations with podcasts
 - 13 different videos
 - 23 artists from across the nation

Alicia Romero reported:

- Saturday, October 6 was public opening of Boarder Doors exhibition in Gallery 6, a collaboration with Claudio Perez, a teacher at Sandia Prep
- Claudio Perez travels to El Paso with his students and meets immigrants to hear their stories
- These stories are painted on doors
- Special altar installed in museum lobby dedicated to immigrants that did not make it across the border

Elizabeth Becker reported:

- 147 requests for Magic Bus program fills all available slots for the school year Tuesdays through Fridays
- Most popular are the permanent collection galleries for tours
- New member to Education team is Diana Delgado – Outreach for Arts & Culture

VII. Albuquerque Museum Foundation Report, John Martinez

John Martinez reported:

- Albuquerque Museum Foundation met with Andrew Connors and Bibi Baloyra regarding the budget
- Planning the 2025/2026 budget with engagement on programming with museum staff

- Foundation provided a board retreat that Andrew Connors attended, insightful meeting, need to greatly increase fundraising capacity and collaboration with museum staff
- At the Friday membership preview, Alicia Romero gave the Mexican Consulate a private tour of Boarder Doors and is excited about future work

Hilma Chynoweth requested dates for ArtsThrive: March 1 is the Gala and March 9 is the closing event with events throughout.

Josie Lopez commented:

Ginger Hendricks, contracted grants writer with the Foundation, is an amazing asset with her grant writing

Stephanie DelCampo commented:

Alicia Romero is a gem. Very impressed.

John Abreu Grassham commented:

Alicia Romero gave a first-class presentation from the heart which left him in tears. Best History Curator in museum ever.

X. Adjourn

Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 11:30 am in person at Albuquerque Museum.

There was not a motion to adjourn as no quorum present. Meeting adjourned at 12:33 pm.