

**LINKED MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUSEUM
ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, HELD
IN THE HALL OF FAME AT THE CARLSBAD MUSEUM ON FEBRUARY 18,
2026, AT 3:00 P.M.**

Present:	Wren Prather-Stroud	Chairman
	Alana Brugman	Vice-Chairman (<i>Arrived at 3:14</i>)
	Allison Hervol	Member
	Sky Soto	Member (<i>Arrived at 3:09</i>)
	Jeff Pangburn	Member
	Desiree Kicker	Member
	Therese Rodriguez	Member
Absent:	Francene Hoffman	Member
Also Present:	Edward VanScotter	Museum Director
	Kat Davis	Deputy Director of Community Development
	Jalynn Dominguez	Open Meetings Act Manager
	Stephan Brown	Compliance Clerk
	Dwight Pitcaithley	Museum Staff Advisor

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0:00:50 **1. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Roll was called, determining the presence of a quorum.

0:00:58 **2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 21, 2026**

0:01:07 **MOTION**

The motion was made by Jeff Pangburn and seconded by Allison Hervol to approve the meeting minutes for January 21, 2026

0:08:01 **VOTE**

The vote was as follows: Yes - Hervol, Pangburn, Kicker, Prather-Stroud, Rodriguez; No - None; Absent - Hoffman, Soto, Brugman; the motion carried.

0:08:19 **3. TRANSITIONAL OVERVIEW OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CARLSBAD MUSEUM AND ART CENTER - JALYNN DOMINGUEZ,
OPEN MEETINGS ACT MANAGER**

Jalynn Dominguez stated that the new Chapter 2 Ordinance is to help resolve any differences between the boards, committees, and commissions. She stated that some changes have been made such as time, frequency, location, attendance, and maximum

voting members. **Ms. Dominguez** emphasized that attendance will be strictly enforced moving forward. She also stated that the board will be limited to a maximum of 5 voting members; however, no current members will be removed and will instead complete their terms.

Mr. Pangburn asked if there would be any backup voting members. **Ms. Dominguez** said no.

0:22:33 **4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT**

Edward VanScotter reviewed the Financial Report. He stated that the gift shop did over \$400 in sales last month. He said that the money left over from the pullout art storage and the plat files will be used for two more art storage units. He stated that the budget planning process has begun for the next fiscal year.

0:25:54 **MOTION**

The motion was made by Jeff Pangburn and seconded by Desiree Kicker to approve the Financial Report

0:26:06 **VOTE**

The vote was as follows: Yes - Hervol, Soto, Brugman, Pangburn, Kicker, Prather-Stroud, Rodriguez; No - None; Absent - Hoffman; the motion carried.

0:27:27 **5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

A. 4th Grade Tours Concluded

- The 4th grade student tours attracted approximately 400 students. The Museum will continue the tours next school year.

B. NAGPRA update

- The U.S. Forest Service is organizing the artifacts currently in its possession and is collaborating with the Mescalero Apache Tribe on the project.

C. Museum remodel update

- The bid for the remodel was sent out and 15 architecture firms came and toured the Museum.

D. Archives building update

- The destruction phase start date has not been set yet.

E. HAP and Hall of Fame update

- Cases will be placed into the Hall of Fame. The unveiling is currently set for May 8th, 2026.

0:38:29 **MOTION**

The motion was made by Sky Soto and seconded by Jeff Pangburn to approve the Director's Report

0:38:38 **VOTE**

The vote was as follows: Yes - Hervol, Soto, Brugman, Pangburn, Kicker, Prather-Stroud, Rodriguez; No - None; Absent - Hoffman; the motion carried.

0:39:04 **6. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO RECOMMEND DWIGHT PITCAITHLEY TO SERVE AS THE MUSEUM STAFF ADVISOR**

0:43:49 **MOTION**

The motion was made by Therese Rodriguez and seconded by Jeff Pangburn to approve Dwight Pitcaithley to serve as the Museum Staff Advisor

0:44:03 **VOTE**

The vote was as follows Yes - Hervol, Soto, Brugman, Pangburn, Kicker, Prather-Stroud, Rodriguez; No - None; Absent - Hoffman; the motion carried.

0:44:41 **7. DISCUSS CURRENT AND FUTURE EXHIBITIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

A. September 15, 2025 - TBD, 2026 - Theodore Van Soelen prints, Chuck Wagons and Cowboys Collection

B. January 24, 2026 - March 22, 2026 - Reclaimed: The Art of Recology

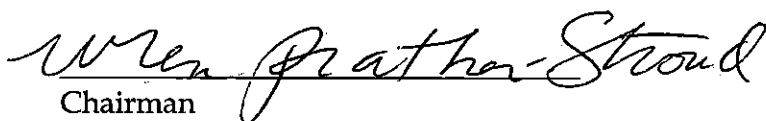
- 1) Exhibiting programming - Pinhole Cameras with Dalton Emig
- 2) Exhibit programming Upcycled Lanterns with Stephanie Kruminski
- 3) Closing reception March 14, 2026, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Catering from O's and music with Frontera Boulalou Speakers curator, Emilee Enders, and Mary Garwood
- 4) February 14, 2026 - Second Saturday Pop-up heART Exhibit & Sale of Marie Johnson's Ladies of Lethargy

0:49:05 **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION**

Dwight Pitcaithley stated that he is trying to put together all of the Carlsbad Caverns original art that was drawn when the caverns were first found. He stated that 12 pieces of the 22 pieces of art have been located. He stated that he is looking for the other 10.

0:59:06 **9. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Wren Prather-Stroud declared the meeting adjourned at 4:05 P.M.


Chairman

3-18-2026
Date