

**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 APRIL 15, 2026,
AT 3:00 P.M.**

Present:	Wren Prather-Stroud	Chairman
	Alana Brugman	Vice-Chairman
	Sky Soto	Member (<i>Arrived at 3:01</i>)
	Jeff Pangburn	Member
	Francene Hoffman	Member (<i>Arrived at 3:07</i>)
	Desiree Kicker	Member
	Therese Rodriguez	Member
Absent:	Allison Hervol	Member
Also Present:	Edward VanScotter	Museum Director
	Jalynn Dominguez	Open Meetings Act Manager
	Stephan Brown	Compliance Clerk
	Dwight Pitcaithley	Museum Staff Advisor

Time Stamps and headings below correspond to recording of meeting and the recording is hereby made a part of the official record.

0:00:06 **1. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Roll was called, determining the presence of a quorum.

0:00:38 **2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 18, 2026**

0:00:45 **MOTION**

The motion was made by Mr. Pangburn and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez to approve the meeting minutes from March 18, 2026

0:00:48 **VOTE**

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

0:01:18 **3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. VanScotter reported that sales for the month of March totaled \$1,151. He noted that he is still awaiting a quote for the art appraisal and will update the board once it is received. He also stated that two art storage racks have been ordered and are expected to arrive in June 2026. He said that the outstanding expenses remain for art academy supplies, teacher payments, incoming shipping costs, and the final payment for the Hamersveld exhibit.

0:08:14

MOTION

The motion was made by Mr. Pangburn and seconded by Ms. Soto to approve the Financial Report

0:08:22

VOTE

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

0:09:53

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. VanScotter stated the remodel for the Museum has been canceled for the time being and we be revisited at a later date. He said demolition of the Archive building has not begun yet, noting that it should begin on April 20, 2026.

0:11:12

MOTION

The motion was made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Pangburn to approve the Director's Report.

0:11:16

VOTE

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

0:11:31

5. DISCUSS CURRENT AND FUTURE EXHIBITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- A. September 15, 2025 - TBD, 2026 – Theodore Van Soelen prints, Chuck Wagons and Cowboys Collection
- B. March 28, 2026 - April 18, 2026 – CMS Elementary Schools Art Show
- C. April 22, 2026 - May 12, 2026 – CMS Secondary, JMA, & Classical Conversations Art Show
- D. May 1, 2026 - Summer Art Academy registration opens
- E. May 8, 2026 - History Garden/Dale Janway Hall of Fame Gala
- F. June 5, 2026 - August 8, 2026 "Crazy World Ain't It: The Art of John Van Hamerseveld"

0:21:33

6. DWIGHT PITCAITHLEY, MUSEUM STAFF ADVISOR, ADVISOR REPORT

Mr. Pitcaithley presented a list of art pieces that could potentially be purchased using the art allocation funds. He noted that he recently attended a meeting with museum staff and Mr. VanScotter but left before any decisions were made. He asked whether any decisions had since been finalized regarding art acquisitions. **Mr. VanScotter** responded that one of the listed pieces, At the Pueblo (charcoal) by Gary Niblett, is of high interest. He added that no other decisions have been made and clarified, after speaking with the City Manager, that the available funding is \$20,000 rather than \$30,000. **Mr. Pitcaithley** also mentioned that Alice Walton built a museum in Rogers, Arkansas, and founded the Art Bridges Foundation, which organizes and circulates

exhibits from various museums. **Mrs. Prather-Stroud** asked whether the museum intends to purchase At the Pueblo by Gary Niblett. **Mr. VanScotter** confirmed that it does. She then asked what steps were required to proceed with the purchase. **Mr. VanScotter** stated that he will contact the City Manager to determine the process for acquiring the piece.

0:41:55 **9. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Wren Prather-Stroud declared the meeting adjourned at 3:41 P.M.

Wren Prather-Stroud
Wren Prather-Stroud, Chairman

5-20-2026
Date