

**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 MAY 20, 2026,
AT 3:00 P.M.**

Present:	Wren Prather-Stroud	Chairman
	Alana Brugman	Vice-Chairman
	Sky Soto	Member
	Francene Hoffman	Member
	Desiree Kicker	Member
	Therese Rodriguez	Member
Absent:	Jeff Pangburn	Member
	Allison Hervol	Member
Also Present:	Dina Navarrette	Director of Community Development
	Edward VanScotter	Museum Director
	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.

0:00:26 **1. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Roll was called, determining the presence of a quorum.

0:00:58 **2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 15, 2026**

0:05:03 **MOTION**

The motion was made by Ms. Brugman and seconded by Ms. Kicker to approve the meeting minutes from April 15, 2026

0:05:06 **VOTE**

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

0:05:28 **3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. VanScotter reported the Carlsbad Museum Fund has an available balance of \$13,000, the Fisher Fine Art Acquisition Fund has a balance of \$117,000, and the Fine Arts Demand Fund has a balance of \$46. He noted the Fine Arts Demand Fund was last used in 2007 and has not been used since. He stated the fiscal year ends next week and a few items still need to be purchased, including a new collection freezer, as the current unit has stopped working.

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MOTION

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

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VOTE

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

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4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. VanScotter reported Bob White donated a Painted Pony, which is now on display at the museum. He stated demolition of the archive building has begun and there has been an issue with the concert wall, though work is underway to address it. He reported an art appraisal is currently being conducted, with all 2D artwork being appraised or reappraised. He said most of the artwork was last appraised in 2014. He stated sculptures will be appraised in a future fiscal year.

Mrs. Prather-Stroud asked whether an inventory would be completed along with the appraisal. **Mr. VanScotter** said yes.

Mr. Pitcaithley asked how often appraisals are conducted. **Mr. VanScotter** said there is no established schedule, but the previous appraisal took place in 2014. **Mr. Pitcaithley** asked about the average amount of time between appraisals. **Mr. VanScotter** said he was unsure but would look into it.

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MOTION

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

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VOTE

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

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5. DISCUSS CURRENT AND FUTURE EXHIBITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

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

B. June 5, 2026 - August 8, 2026 "Crazy World Ain't It: The Art of John Van Hamerseveld"

0:34:52

6. DISCUSS PAST ACTIVITIES

A. May 8, 2026 - HAP History Garden / Hall of Fame Renaming

0:49:42 7. UPDATE REGARDING THE GARY NIBLETT AT THE PUEBLO (CHARCOAL) ART PIECE

Mr. VanScotter stated all of the paperwork had been completed. He said the only remaining issue was transporting the art piece to the museum.

Ms. Navarrette asked whether additional artwork by Gary Niblett would be acquired for the museum. Mr. VanScotter said more pieces would be acquired. He stated Mr. Niblett is a local artist and that it would be beneficial for the museum to expand its collection of his work. He said Mr. Niblett is a Carlsbad native who has had a successful career in Western art.

0:57:35 **Adjourn**

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

Wren Prather-Stroud
Chairman

June 17, 2026
Date