

**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 JUNE 17, 2026,  
AT 3:00 P.M.**

Present:	Wren Prather-Stroud	Chairman
	Alana Brugman	Vice-Chairman
	Jeff Pangburn	Member
	Francene Hoffman	Member
	Therese Rodriguez	Member
Absent:	Sky Soto	Member
	Desiree Kicker	Member
Also Present:	Edward VanScotter	Museum Director
	Kat Davis	Deputy Director of Community Development
	Jameson Lucas	Community Historian
	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.

0:00:05      **1. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Roll was called determining the presence of a quorum.

0:00:56      **2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – MAY 20, 2026**

0:01:05      **MOTION**

The motion was made by Ms. Brugman and seconded by Mrs. Rodriguez to approve the meeting minutes from May 20, 2026

0:01:17      **VOTE**

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

0:01:37      **3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Mr. VanScotter** stated museum sales for the last month totaled \$2,300. He said a significant portion of the sales resulted from Art Academy registrations. He stated most of the art classes being offered are at full capacity. He said fewer classes are being offered this year compared to previous years.

**Mr. Pitcaithley** asked whether the Art Acquisition Fund would remain intact when the next fiscal year begins in July. **Mr. VanScotter** stated it would. He further noted that the museum's operating budget has been \$350,000 annually, excluding payroll expenses.

0:05:30                    **MOTION**

The motion was made by Mr. Pangburn and seconded by Mrs. Hoffman to approve the Financial Report

0:05:34                    **VOTE**

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

0:05:51                    **4.        CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Mr. VanScotter** stated the Gary Niblett art piece had been delivered to the museum with the assistance of Mr. Pitcaithley. He said the appraisal of the two-dimensional artwork had been completed. He said he is still awaiting the final appraisal report, as the necessary research is still being conducted. He stated the sculptures, along with the three-dimensional artwork, are expected to be appraised next year. **Mr. VanScotter** stated letters have been sent to regional tribes regarding Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) compliance.

**Ms. Davis** asked about the deadline for NAGPRA compliance. **Mr. VanScotter** said the deadline is 2029.

**Mr. VanScotter** stated the demolition work of the archive building has begun. He said the top story and the vault have already been removed. He added that the excavation where the vault was located is expected to be filled with concrete in the coming days.

0:15:14                    **MOTION**

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

0:15:28                    **VOTE**

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

0:15:43                    **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"
- C. September 2026 – December 2026 "José Guadalupe Posada Legendary Printmaker of Mexico"

0:25:26      **6.      MUSEUM STAFF ADVISOR REPORT – DWIGHT  
PITCAITHLEY**

**Mr. Pitcaithley** stated while picking up the Gary Niblett artwork in Santa Fe, he asked the gallery director to bring out Gary Niblett's *Evening on the Prairie* piece. He said the artwork was enormous, approximately four times the size of *At the Pueblo* (charcoal). **Mr. Pitcaithley** stated it would be an excellent addition to the Gary Niblett collection already held by the museum.

0:30:59      **Adjournment**

With no further business Wren Prather-Stroud declared the meeting adjourned 3:39 P.M.

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Wren Prather-Stroud, Chairman

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