

Meeting Minutes

Chandler Cultural Foundation

Regular Meeting

January 23, 2025 | 5:30 p.m.
Chandler Museum, Saguaro Room
300 S. Chandler Village Dr., Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Julia Marreel at 5:31 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Member Attendance

Julia Marreel, Chair
LaTricia Woods, Vice-Chair
Sherida McMullan, Treasurer
Erika Castro, Secretary
Chris McMullan
David Woodruff
Ellie Watland
Jeanne Forbis
Jennifer Sanchez
Mari Jo Woolf-Whitaker
Mike Halle
Peppur Chambers

Staff Attendance

Michelle Mac Lennan, President
Terri Rettig, Vice President
Sandra Bassett
Lindsay Bernardez

Guests

Lori Rasmussen

Absent

Candy Yu
Jyoti Pathak

Scheduled and Unscheduled Public Appearances

None.

Consent Agenda

1. December Chandler Cultural Foundation Board Meeting Minutes
 - SHERIDA MCMULLAN made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2024, Board Meeting. Jeanne Forbes seconded the motion.
 - The motion carried unanimously 10-0. The minutes were approved as written.

Action Agenda

2. Approve Date Change for May CCF Meeting
 - JULIA MARREEL proposed rescheduling the May CCF meeting due to a scheduling conflict with the Wynton Marsalis event. After discussion, the committee approved the new date of June 5, 2025.
 - Julia Marreel made a motion to approve. David Woodruff seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously 10-0.
3. Approve Event Budgets
 - TERRI RETTIG proposed 14 events for the 2025-2026 season: Leela James, Ledisi, Menopause the Musical, Gregory Porter Holiday Show, Joss Stone, Gadan, Sons of Serendip, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Camila Fernandez, Nathan Chester & the Old Souls Motown, Leann Rimes, Canin Starts Stunt Dog Show, George Thorogood & The Destroyers.
 - Ellie Watland made a motion to approve the event budgets. Chris McMullan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously 12-0.
4. Approve Letter of Intent NEA Grant
 - MICHELLE MAC LENNAN presented the draft Letter of Intent for the NEA Grants for the Arts Selection Committee, highlighting its purpose, funding scope, and alignment with the organization's goals.
 - Sherida McMullan made a motion to approve the letter. Ellie Watland seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously 12-0.
5. Appoint Special Events Committee Member
 - JULIA MARREEL presented the appointment of Eddie Baldenegro as a new member of the Special Events Committee.
 - Erika Castro made a motion to approve the committee chair and member appointment. Sherida McMullan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously 12-0.

Briefing

6. Visual Arts Presentation

- PETER BUGG presented the 2025-2026 visual arts programming, highlighting upcoming exhibits at Vision Gallery and Chandler Museum. He also shared updates on public art projects, ongoing programs like Vision Kids and introduced new initiatives such as “Coffee with a Creative,” a series featuring conversations with local artists.

7. December Financial Report

- SHERIDA MCMULLAN provided an overview of the December 2024 financial report, comparing key figures from the previous year, funding trends, and overall positive financial health.
- The report is outlined in the full packet.

8. Executive Committee Meeting Update

- JULIA MARREEL presented an overview of the January 7th Executive committee meeting, which covered the review of the meeting schedule, policy updates, proposed dates for the board retreat, and changes pertaining to the Vision Gallery.

9. Board Development Committee Survey

- TERRI RETTIG presented the results of the board survey, highlighting that we achieved 100% participation from board members. She provided an overview of the feedback received, focusing on key insights and areas for improvement, which will guide future board activities and initiatives.

10. Special Events Committee Meeting

- ELLIE WATLAND provided an update on the Special Events Committee meeting, which centered on the planning of the 2025 Center Stage event. This year’s theme will be Multicultural Celebration, highlighting diverse cultural expressions.
- The committee also discussed the addition of an Honorary Chair, who will lend their support to the event and help strengthen its impact.

11. Development Report

- SANDRA BASSETT provided updates on the year-to-date Development Report, showcasing significant progress in various funding areas. Notable achievements include reaching 107% of our membership goal, 115% of our grant targets, and 91% of our general donations.
- The report is outlined in the full packet.

12. Profit & Loss Statement

- TERRI RETTIG reviewed the Profit & Loss statements for the following events: Greogory Porter, The Australian Pink Floyd Show, Beth Hart, Ballet Under the Stars, Get the Led Out, Billy Ocean, C.A.L.L.E de Arizona, The Life & Music of Geroge Michael, PJ Morton, The Concert Truck, Leslie Jones, Men at Work, Average White Band.
- A detailed report is included in the packet

13. Staffing Update

- MICHELLE MAC LENNAN provided staff updates, announcing two new hires. Veronica Coronado will join as the Marketing Analyst, starting on Monday, February 3, 2025, and Rosemary Soto has been selected as the Program Manager, beginning on Monday, March 3, 2025.

Friends Announcements

Lori Rasmussen announced there were 19 events since last board meeting that equated to 1317.00 volunteer hours. There are 368 volunteers. There are 158 total active volunteer which includes 16 new volunteers.

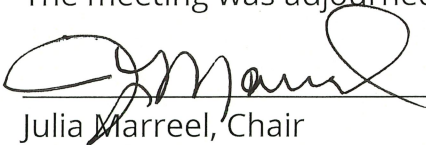
Member Comments/Announcements

Calendar

12. The next board meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 27, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.**, at the Chandler Museum, Saguaro Room, 300 S. Chandler Village Drive.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.


Julia Marreel, Chair


Michelle Mac Lennan, Staff Liaison