

Meeting Minutes

Chandler Museum Foundation

Regular Meeting

April 21, 2025 | 5:30 p.m.
Chandler Museum, Saguaro Room
300 S. Chandler Village Drive, Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Meyerson at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Member Attendance

Barbara Meyerson, Chair
Joan Clark, Vice-Chair
Rich Feely, Treasurer
Calvenea Malloy
Tom Escobedo
Mary Cimaglio
Gregory Herriman
Jacki Ryan
Martin Sepulveda
Joshua Askey

Staff Attendance

Kim Moyers, Cultural Development Director
Jody Crago, Museum Manager
Peter Bugg, Museum Operations Manager

Absent

Brenda Abney

Unscheduled Public Appearances

None.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2025 Chandler Museum Foundation Board Meeting.
 - Calvenea Malloy made a motion to approve minutes from the March 17, 2025 Chandler Museum Foundation Board Meeting
 - Gregory Herriman seconded the motion.

- Motion carried unanimously (10-0). The minutes were approved as presented.

Action Agenda

2. Recommend Museum Foundation Assume Operation of the Vision Gallery Store

- Martin Sepulveda made a motion to recommend Museum Foundation assume operation of the Vision Gallery Store
- Tom Escobedo seconded the motion.
- Jody Crago explained how the Vision Gallery Store was formerly run by the Cultural Foundation. With the reorganization of the Museum Division of the City of Chandler, the Museum was initially going to take on the Vision Gallery Store but realized it would be impractical. The proposal is for the Chandler Museum Foundation to have purview over the Vision Gallery Store like it currently has over the Chandler Museum Store. If approved, the Cultural Foundation wants to transfer ownership with the start of the 25-26 fiscal year.
- Board members asked questions about the proposed process of taking on the Vision Gallery Store, the current valuation of the Vision Gallery Store, and the profitability of the Vision Gallery Store.
- Motion carried unanimously (10-0). The recommendation was approved as presented.

Discussion

3. Interest in Serving as a Board Officer

- Joan Clark presented the request for Board Members to express any interest they may have in serving as a Board Officer
- Interested Board Members will be presented to the Governance Subcommittee on May 12th and voted on at the June Board Meeting

4. Update on Fall Fundraising Initiative

- House of Broadcasting
 - Jody Crago informed the Board that the House of Broadcasting pulled back from the exhibit due to lack of objects to present
 - The exhibit may be run in the future, but is currently indefinitely postponed
- OA+D
 - In the absence of the House of Broadcasting event, Rich Feely presented a recommendation that the Foundation pursue support for the upcoming OA+D exhibit and related events, as supported by the Board in previous discussions
 - Joan Clark shared about a few of the possible fundraising options that A+D Board members had presented

5. Expectation of Board Member Attendance at City Council Meetings
 - Barbara Meyerson encouraged Board members to keep an eye on the City Council meeting agendas and attend as is appropriate
6. Rescheduling Executive Subcommittee Meetings
 - To include Museum Marketing Coordinator Becca Vega in Executive Subcommittee meetings, the Executive Subcommittee meetings will be rescheduled to the first Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m.
7. Recognition
 - Tom Escobedo
 - Barbara Meyerson shared about Tom Escobedo's long history of service with the Chandler Museum Foundation and before. She presented him with a certificate in recognition of years of service.
 - Brenda Abney
 - Brenda Abney was not in attendance. A certificate will be presented to her at a later date.
8. Museum Manager's Report
 - Keen Independent Research, who will be making the Museum's next strategic plan, has signed the contract and will begin working in May. The project is expected to take 10 month. Thirty thousand dollars of the contract was funded by the City of Chandler and fifteen thousand dollars was funded by the Chandler Museum Foundation.
 - OA+D Exhibition is set to open September 2025 and run through February 2026.
 - The OA+D-run symposium is planned for November 15, 2026.
 - There are opportunities to have receptions before November 1st or after November 15th through the end of the show.
 - Update on the Eddie Basha, Jr. Exhibition
 - Sarah Biggerstaff, Museum Storytelling Coordinator, has been working closely with the Basha family, the Basha Collection Curator, and many other friends and associates of Eddie Basha, Jr. Sarah has conducted numerous oral histories, created an initial layout of sections of the exhibit and what they will include, identified potential objects for the exhibition from the family and other collections, and gave a longer presentation to the Executive Subcommittee.
 - Martin Sepulveda has volunteered to help reach out to additional people who can contribute to the exhibition.
 - Museum Marketing Workgroup will be meeting on Friday, April 25th at 2 p.m.

Briefing

None.

Member Comments

None.

Member Announcements

None.

Calendar

9. Next Museum Foundation Finance Subcommittee Meeting will be April 23, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the Chandler Museum.
10. Next Museum Foundation Executive Subcommittee Meeting will be May 7, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the Chandler Museum.
11. Next Museum Foundation Governance Subcommittee Meeting will be May 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Chandler Museum.
12. Next Museum Foundation Board Meeting will be May 19, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Chandler Museum.
13. Chandler Museum Exhibits:
 - *I Can't Help Myself: Jon Arvizu – January 7, 2025–June 8, 2025*
 - *Gaman: Enduring Japanese American Internment at Gila River – February 7, 2024–March 24, 2025*
 - *Ceangal/Connections – March 15, 2025 – July 20, 2025*
 - *¡MONSTRAS! Female Legends of Latin America – April 26, 2025 – August 31, 2025*
 - *Pony Up! Cowgirls of Chandler – May 9, 2025 – November 2, 2025*
14. Chandler Museum Events:
 - Art Tots: Just Add Water – April 23, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.
 - I Can't Help Myself: Jon Arvizu Exhibition Reception – April 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
 - C-Town: Museum Helpers – April 30, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.
 - Our Stories: Baseball Behind Barbed Wire – May 3, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.
 - History Bites: Marketing v. Reality – May 6, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.
 - C-Town: Newsies – May 7 & 21, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.
 - Art Tots: Just Add Water – May 14 & 28, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.
 - Play Day: Lights, Camera, Action! – May 18, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.
15. Vision Gallery Exhibits:
 - *M|otherworlds – March 22, 2025 – June 7, 2025*
16. Vision Gallery Events:
 - Art Social: Printmaking Pollinators – May 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
17. Gallery at CCA Exhibits:
 - CUSD Annual Exhibition – April 23, 2025–May 13, 2025

- Shifting to Joy: Mike Margolis – May 24, 2025 – August 2, 2025

18. City of Chandler Events:

- Freedom, Hope, Future – Honoring Veterans & Celebrating Vietnam Culture – April 26, 2025 at 9 a.m.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Barbara Meyerson, Chair

Jody Crago, Staff Liaison