

Meeting Minutes

Chandler Museum Foundation

Executive Subcommittee

Regular Meeting

August 20, 2025 | 2:00 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 2:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Member Attendance

Barbara Meyerson, Chair
Rich Feely, Vice-Chair
Greg Herriman, Treasurer

Staff Attendance

Jody Crago, Museum Manager
Becca Vega, Marketing & Volunteer
Coordinator

Absent

Unscheduled Public Appearances

None.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Minutes from July 23, 2025, Museum Foundation Executive Subcommittee
 - Rich Feely made a motion to approve Minutes from July 23, 2025.
 - Greg Herriman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (3-0). The minutes were approved as presented.

Action Agenda

None.

Briefing

2. Museum Store Committee Representative

- Former CMF Board Member Calvenea Malloy was the Museum Store Committee Representative
- Museum Manager, Jody Crago, clarified that this committee is a Chandler Museum committee, not under the Chandler Museum Foundation
- Subcommittee members discussed the process for placing a new representative on the Museum Store Committee and decided that CMF Chair Barbara Meyerson will bring up the opening to the Board at the September 2nd meeting and ask for a Board member to volunteer with the expectation that they will start immediately.

3. Marketing Workgroup Representative

- Mrs. Malloy was the Museum Store Committee Representative
- Subcommittee members discussed the process for placing a new representative on the Museum Store Committee and decided that Mrs. Meyerson will bring up the opening to the Board at the September 2nd meeting and ask for a Board member to volunteer with the expectation that they will start immediately.

4. Discover Your Museum Event Update

- CMF Board Member Jacki Ryan now has a Museum Foundation credit card to pay for event-related expenses.
- Mrs. Ryan shared updates on the planning of the event:
 - She met with a valet company and decided not to pursue renting golf carts
 - Poles for string lighting in the courtyard have been installed
 - City of Chandler Parks will lend addition lighting
 - The Foundation will rent 7 round tables and 11 high tops to supplement what the Museum already has
 - Someburros will be the caterer
 - A few RSVP's have been received and cards that returned undeliverable are being readdressed

5. Basha Oral History Update

- Mr. Crago shared the update on the Basha Oral History project:
 - The Museum is trying to conduct as many oral histories as possible before the October 4th deadline for them to be included in the exhibition
 - 2 oral histories will be conducted on August 25th and a group interview may be conducted on August 29th
 - Museum Storyteller Sarah Biggerstaff may be traveling to the Navajo Nation with a City of Chandler videographer in September
 - Mrs. Biggerstaff has dedicated Mondays and Fridays to interviews

6. August 28th Presentation to Chandler Cultural Foundation (CCF)

- Mr. Crago and Mrs. Meyerson will present a powerpoint on the history of the Chandler Museum and CMF, a summary of the Discover Your Museum event, and upcoming plans for the Museum (exhibitions and events)

7. Meeting Agenda Items for September 2, 2025 Chandler Museum Foundation Board Meeting
- No action items
 - Briefing:
 - Museum Store Committee Representative
 - Marketing Workgroup Representative
 - Discover Your Museum Event Update
 - Keen Research Strategic Planning Update
8. Museum Manager's Report
- Mr. Crago provided updates on the Museum Campus's preparation for the Discover Your Museum event:
 - The McCullough-Price House will be painted
 - Site lighting is being checked and fixed
 - Building and Facilities will be stripping and refinishing the benches in front of the entrance
 - Exhibition Updates:
 - *Ceangal/Connections* and *¡MONSTRAS!* will close before the end of the month
 - *Sonoran Shapes + Structures* and *The Newest Americans* open in September
 - Program/Event Updates:
 - Monster Weekend went well, with high attendance
 1. Attendees asked if the film screening would be an ongoing series and the dancers wanted to return for more events
 - Planning for the Book of Names event on November 1 continues
 - America 250
 - The Chandler Museum is involved in the planning for the City of Chandler's upcoming America 250 programming in 2026
 - The Museum will be involved in making an exhibit on the "27 Flags of America," which will travel around the city all year

Member Comments

None.

Member Announcements

None.

Calendar

9. Events and Exhibits Calendar

Adjourn

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Barbara Meyerson, Chair

Jody Crago, Staff Liaison