

Meeting Minutes

Chandler Museum Foundation

Regular Meeting

October 7, 2025 | 5:30 p.m.
Chandler Museum, Agave 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
Richard Feely, Vice-Chair
Gregory Herriman, Treasurer
Joshua Askey
Mary Cimaglio
Joan Clark
Susan Crabtree
Shatavia Elder
Devin Moreno
Heather Patterson
Jacki Ryan
Martin Sepulveda

Staff Attendance

Jody Crago, Museum Manager
Peter Bugg, Museum Operations Manager

Absent

Unscheduled Public Appearances

None.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes from September 2, 2025 Chandler Museum Foundation Board Meeting
 - Jacki Ryan made a motion to approve of minutes from September 2, 2025 Chandler Museum Foundation Board Meeting
 - Devin Moreno seconded the motion.

- Motion carried unanimously (11-0). The minutes were approved with corrections:
 - Remove Calvenea Malloy's name from attendance list

Action Agenda

2. Approval of Contract Templates for Art Social Programs

- Jacki Ryan made a motion to approve contract templates for Art Social programs.
- Greg Herriman seconded the motion.
- Museum Manager Jody Crago explained the contract and its use. The presented change to the templates exchanged replaced "City of Chandler" with "Chandler Museum Foundation."
- Board members discussed the wording of the contract to ensure that the relationship between the Chandler Museum Foundation (CMF) and the Vision Gallery are properly clarified.
- Motion carried unanimously (11-0). The contract templates for Art Social programs were approved with edits:
 - Add the CMF logo and name to the document to clarify that the contract is with the Chandler Museum Foundation for a program at the Vision Gallery

Discussion

3. October 4th "Discover Your Museum" Event Update and Debrief

- The CMF Board and Chandler Museum recognized and thanked Jacki Ryan for heading the event planning.
 - CMF Board Chair Barbara Meyerson thanked the CMF Board and Chandler Museum staff for their hard work
- Preliminary fundraising total
 - Donations from the event included:
 - Michael Pollack donated \$500 at the event
 - Over \$4,300 were spent at the store, which included both store merchandise and silent auction items
 - Two people became Friends of the Chandler Museum
 - One person purchased \$100 of education supplies
 - One person donated \$300 for an oral history
 - One person sponsored and "Adopt an Artifact" for \$1,000
 - SRP provided a sponsorship of \$2,500 for the Vision Kids program
 - The total came to just over \$10,000
- Donor Recognition options and ideas

- Mrs. Meyerson proposed creating some kind of donor recognition system.
- CMF Board members discussed having a separate Chandler Museum Foundation website.
- Mr. Crago mentioned developing a donor management system or using an existing donor management system.
- Takeaways
 - CMF Board Member Joshua Askey asked which people who attended were invited by which board member.
 - CMF Board Member Mary Cimaglio shared that most attendees provided their email addresses.
 - Mrs. Cimaglio recommended having a non-digital way to donate money.
 - CMF Board Member Shatavia Elder asked why the event was not promoted online and Mrs. Ryan explained that it was an invitation only event per the permit with the City of Chandler.
 - The event will be shared on social media afterward.
 - Museum Operations Manager Peter Bugg shared praise that was received about the food and culinary students who were serving the food
 - Mrs. Ryan shared the praise that she received from guests and everything else that went well
 - Mrs. Ryan shared notes for improvement:
 - Registration got backed up and was very dark
 - Councilman OD Harris was not recognized
 - Moving tables
 - More social media content during the event
 - Better communication about opportunities and giveaways
 - Planning will start right away for Basha exhibition opening in March 2026

4. Call for CMF Board Candidates

- Mrs. Meyerson encouraged CMF Board members to talk to people about applying for the Board frequently, not just when there is an opening
- Mr. Feely reminded the Board about the process for recommending people to fill vacant Board positions

5. Board Chair's Report

- Mrs. Meyerson shared an update on the increase in responses to the strategic planning questionnaire

6. Museum Manager's Report

- Mr. Crago shared that the strategic planning questionnaire had 447 responses as of this meeting and encouraged any Board member who had not completed it to do so and share them with others
- Mr. Crago encouraged the Board to vote everyday for the Chandler Museum for Best Museum in the east valley.
- Two new exhibitions opened in September:
 - *Sonoran Shapes + Structures* opened on September 20th
 - *The Newest Americans* opened on September 30th
- Events coming up:
 - The Ireichō: Book of Names at the Chandler Museum on November 1
 - OA+D Symposium on November 15
- Facility upgrades:
 - McCullough-Price House painted and new entrance doors in Price Gallery
 - Scuppers replaced
 - Benches sanded and refinished
 - New art on Agave Room doors for *Echoes Unearthed* exhibition
- New Board member magnetic name badges are in progress

Briefing

None.

Member Comments

1. Mrs. Meyerson reiterated thanks to all Board members for all of their hard work in general and in preparation for the October 4th event.

Member Announcements

None.

Calendar

1. Calendar of Exhibitions or Events

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Barbara Meyerson, Chair

Jody Crago, Staff Liaison