

Meeting Minutes

Chandler Museum Foundation

Executive Subcommittee

Regular Meeting

April 22, 2026 | 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 2:00 pm.

Roll Call

Board Member Attendance

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

Staff Attendance

Jody Crago, Museum Manager
Peter Bugg, Museum Operations Manager
Dani Schulze, Museum Management
Assistant

Absent

Unscheduled Public Appearances

None.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Minutes from March 18, 2026, Chandler Museum Foundation Executive Subcommittee Meeting.
 - Board Vice-Chair Rich Feely made a motion to approve meeting minutes from March 18, 2026.
 - Board Treasurer Greg Herriman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 3-0. The minutes were approved as presented.

Action Agenda

None.

Briefing

2. OA+D Private Event

- Museum Operations Manager Peter Bugg shared that the event will be treated as a rental. While the rental fee will be waived, OA+D would pay the banquet and after-hours fees. No combined fundraising will occur. The Museum will email the Friends of the Museum list to share the event information, but the email list will not be provided to OA+D.
- Mr. Feely shared that there was a discussion in May 2025 about having a joint fundraising event. This discussion was supplanted by the October 2025 event.
- Board Chair Barbara Meyerson asked about the date of the OA+D private event, but the date has not yet been finalized.

3. Keen Strategic Planning Workshop

- Mr. Bugg asked if the subcommittee was available on June 5 and 12, 2026. June 5 was chosen as the first choice.
- Mrs. Meyerson suggested that the board be provided with some work ahead of the workshop, so the workshop can be more productive.
- Mrs. Meyerson suggested that a phone call with Keen and the executive subcommittee ahead of the workshop take place to define the workshop agenda. Mr. Bugg said that we could ask Keen for the phone call.

4. Officer Nomination Update from the Governance Subcommittee

- Mr. Feely shared that during the last nomination for officers, the board was asked if any members wanted to run for officer positions.
- Museum Manager Jody Crago will ask the board ahead of the May meeting to contact Mr. Feely if they are interested.

5. Update for New Board Member

- Mr. Feely shared that two board members were vetted for board membership – Gretchen Pace and Chris McMullan.
- Museum Management Assistant Dani Schulze shared that Mr. McMullan has been approved by City Council for membership to the board and will begin in May.
- City Clerk paperwork is required before new board members may begin attending board meetings.

6. Next Proposal for the Salt River Project

- According to Mr. Crago, there is an annual application for funding every April or May. Currently, the funding is for Vision Kids. The Salt River Project representative stated that they like to fund the same projects year after year.
- The executive subcommittee determined that the Museum should apply for Vision Kids funding again this year. After strategic planning, the Museum can follow up

with the Salt River Project for other projects and opportunities. Mr. Crago will reach out to the Salt River Project representative.

7. Vision Gallery Rentals

- Mr. Bugg reported that the Vision Gallery received a request from an individual who has exhibited at the Vision Gallery in the past. This individual would like to use the Vision Gallery classroom on July 18, 2026. The executive subcommittee agreed to allow this rental for free.
- The executive subcommittee suggested that a rental policy is created following this request.
- The governance and finance subcommittees will work on the policy and fees, respectively. Mr. Bugg suggested that volunteer Paula and the Chandler Cultural Foundation could help with this.

8. FY 2026-27 Budget

- Mr. Crago shared that the goal is to make and pass a simplified budget based on what has been spent for the last couple of years. The goal is to pass the budget in June to become active in July. After strategic planning, other items will be added to the budget that the Foundation would like to prioritize, and a revised budget will be passed.

9. Agenda Items for May 5, 2026, Chandler Museum Foundation Board Meeting.

- Consent Agenda
- Discussion:
 - Introduction of New Board Member - Chris McMullan
 - Keen Strategic Planning Workshop
 - FY 2026-27 Budget Presentation
 - Officer Nominations
 - Outgoing Board Member Recognition – Joan Clark
 - Board Chair's Report
 - Museum Manager's Report

10. Museum Manager's Report.

- An all-day budget briefing will be on May 1.
- Mr. Crago shared that movement has occurred in the hiring of staff:
 - The Gallery Assistant position has closed.
 - The Marketing Coordinator position will close on Monday, April 27.
 - The Program Coordinator position will be posted shortly.
 - The full-time positions were listed on American Association of State and Local History (AASLH), Museum Association of Arizona (MAA), and American Alliance of Museums (AAM).
 - Temporary jobs will be listed as well soon.
- Exhibition planning with OA+D is progressing.
- The Museum has received good marketing coverage. *Being Eddie Basha* was in The Shelby Report, which is a national media source for grocers.
- Paul Harvey's son visited the Museum over the weekend.

- On Monday, the Museum had a fourth grade field trip for *Being Eddie Basha*. The second half of the field trip will come this upcoming Monday, April 27.

Member Comments

None.

Member Announcements

None.

Calendar

11. Events and Exhibits Calendar

Adjourn

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 pm.

Barbara Meyerson, Chair

Jody Crago, Staff Liaison