

Meeting Minutes

Chandler Museum Foundation

Regular Meeting

May 5, 2026 | 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 5:32 pm.

Roll Call

Board Member Attendance

Barbara Meyerson, Chair

Richard Feely, Vice-Chair

Gregory Herriman, Treasurer

Mary Cimaglio

Susan Crabtree

Chris McMullan

Devin Moreno

Gretchen Pace

Heather Patterson

Jacki Ryan

Staff Attendance

Jody Crago, Museum Manager

Dani Schulze, Museum Management Assistant

Absent

Joshua Askey

Shatavia Elder

Martin Sepulveda

Unscheduled Public Appearances

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Minutes from April 7, 2026, Chandler Museum Foundation Board Meeting
 - Board Vice-Chair Richard Feely made a motion to approve minutes from the April 7, 2026, Chandler Museum Foundation Board Meeting.

- Board Member Jacki Ryan seconded the motion.
- Motion carried unanimously (10-0). The minutes were approved as presented.

Action Agenda

None.

Discussion

2. Introduction of New Board Member – Chris McMullan
 - Mr. McMullan introduced himself to the board. He is a small business owner and has lived in Chandler for nine years.
 - The board members introduced themselves to Mr. McMullan.
3. Transfer to Microsoft Teams
 - Museum Manager Jody Crago shared that the City of Chandler has moved from Webex to Microsoft Teams. All meetings going forward will be available virtually through Microsoft Teams. It works very similarly to Webex.
4. Keen Strategic Planning Workshop
 - Board Chair Barbara Meyerson reminded the board that Keen will come in and do a workshop with the board to compare the strategic plans of the Museum and Foundation.
 - The workshop will be on Friday, June 5. While the times have not been set yet, Mr. Crago shared that it will likely be approximately 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. A virtual option will be available, and lunch will be provided.
 - Mrs. Meyerson asked board members to read up on the strategic plans before the retreat.
 - After the retreat, the Foundation strategic plan will have to be updated.
 - Former Board Member Joan Clark reminded the board that the governance subcommittee completed a SWOT analysis.
5. FY 2026-27 Budget Presentation
 - Mr. Crago provided copies of the proposed FY 2026-27 budget to the board. The proposed budget represents actual figures from this past year. Revenue streams are close to what was made this year.
 - The budget will be on the agenda for approval at the next board meeting. After strategic planning, the finance subcommittee will bring back a revised budget based on strategic initiatives.
 - Adjustments will happen going forward for the Vision Gallery store to keep stock up.
6. Officer Nominations

- Mr. Feely shared that this is the time of year when the board does officer nominations and asks the board members if they are interested in the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer. Thus far, no board members have emailed Mr. Feely with their interest.
 - Mr. Crago shared that typically officers begin their positions in August.
7. Outgoing Board Member Recognition – Joan Clark
- Mrs. Meyerson shared fond memories of Mrs. Clark and her thankfulness for what she contributed. The board and staff presented her with a certificate and flowers.
 - Mrs. Clark is also invited to the Keen workshop.
8. Board Chair’s Report
- Mrs. Meyerson shared that she is looking forward to strategic planning. She also shared that she enjoyed seeing the board represented on social media.
9. Museum Manager’s Report
- *Artists in Schools: America the Beautiful* is closing on May 10, 2026. This exhibition is a City Council funded initiative. Artists went into schools and taught kids. The created artwork is then put together into an exhibition.
 - The staff are working on future exhibitions, including the collaborative exhibition with OA+D.
 - The order for the new front desk has been put in and will hopefully be here by August. The new front desk will allow two people to sit there.
 - Staff has been doing new training from the City.
 - The City budget hearing was this past Friday, and it went well.
 - This year, the Museum is transferring three temporary positions to permanent positions. These positions will go through a recruitment process, and the interviews will commence shortly for two of the positions. Permanent positions mean that the position is secure and will not go away. The permanent status of these positions represents the work the staff and Foundation have done and the community’s reaction to it.
 - The proposed 2026-27 City budget for the Museum is \$1.9 million for operations.
 - The History Bites program was given by Storytelling Coordinator Sarah Biggerstaff. It was fantastic. Mr. Crago stated that he is speaking to Cultural Development Director Kim Moyers to see if it can be used as part of the City’s Lunch and Learn program. The talk featured the Museum’s new live transcription technology as well.

Briefing

None.

Member Comments

- Mrs. Ryan shared information from the monthly marketing workgroup meeting:
 - She put together a prompt that board members can fill out if they are interested in being highlighted on the Museum's social media.
 - Mrs. Ryan shared that she would put together content for social media at least once a month to gather friends of the Museum. She referenced that there may be a communication issue with community members getting their renewal requests.
 - Mrs. Clark shared that board members should share Museum social media posts to their personal social media accounts to reach people that do not follow the Museum on social media.
- Mr. Feely shared that the SWOT analysis is on Live Binders in three parts: Strategy, Fiduciary, and Generative.

Member Announcements

None.

Calendar

1. Calendar of Exhibitions and Events

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Barbara Meyerson, Chair

Jody Crago, Staff Liaison