

Meeting Minutes

Chandler Museum Foundation

Regular Meeting

August 4, 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 5:30 pm.

Roll Call

Board Member Attendance

Barbara Meyerson, Chair
Gregory Herriman, Treasurer
Joshua Askey
Mary Cimaglio
Susan Crabtree
Shatavia Elder
Chris McMullan
Gretchen Pace
Heather Patterson
Jacki Ryan
Martin Sepulveda

Staff Attendance

Niki Tapia, Cultural Development Assistant Director
Jody Crago, Museum Manager
Dani Schulze, Museum Management Assistant

Absent

Richard Feely, Vice-Chair
Devin Moreno

Unscheduled Public Appearances

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Minutes from the June 2, 2026, Chandler Museum Foundation Board Meeting
 - Board Member Chris McMullan made a motion to approve minutes from the June 2, 2026, Chandler Museum Foundation Board Meeting.

- Board Member Martin Sepulveda seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried unanimously (10-0). The minutes were approved as presented.
2. Approve Minutes from the June 5, 2026, Chandler Museum Foundation Special Meeting
- Board Treasurer Gregory Herriman made a motion to approve minutes from the June 5, 2026, Chandler Museum Foundation Special Meeting.
 - Board Member Heather Patterson seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried unanimously (10-0). The minutes were approved as presented.

Action Agenda

None.

Discussion

3. Chandler Museum Foundation Workshop Review
- Board Chair Barbara Meyerson shared that the Foundation's goal during the meeting was to develop priorities from the executive summary that Keen Independent Research provided. With these priorities, the governance subcommittee will create an implementation plan along with assigning board members to specific work areas.
 - Board Member Jacki Ryan expressed that marketing strategy and fundraising strategy are key focus areas. Mrs. Ryan also shared that the development of KPIs and metrics for how success is measured should be a priority.
 - The board members determined that the first priority is to develop the value proposition or benefit description for fundraising purposes.
 - Mrs. Meyerson encouraged board members to think about what areas they wanted to focus on and communicate those areas of interest to her.
 - It was determined that the board's priorities are concurrent and should be moving forward at the same time.
 - Board members discussed the importance of Tumbleweed Ranch.
 - Museum Manager Jody Crago gave a presentation on Tumbleweed Ranch:
 - The current master plan was completed in 2024. The project goals are to explore and interpret the City of Chandler's history of agricultural innovation and to provide an educational and recreational space for Chandler residents.
 - The contract goes to City Council's study session next week. If the project is approved by City Council, two phases will occur:
 - a. Before Phase 1
 - i. Regrading the Ranch

- ii. Planting of Trees
- b. Phase 1 – Red Shed Theater
 - i. Relocation and Reorientation of the Theater
 - ii. Create Desert Farming and Agricultural Path
- c. Phase 2 – The Farmhouse
 - i. Build “Boardwalk” for Historic Building Access
 - ii. Build Garage for Dr. Chandler’s Car
 - iii. Build Sensory Garden
 - iv. Build Grape Arbor

- Construction will conclude after 555 days.
 - Tumbleweed Ranch fundraising strategies should be considered now to take full advantage of the opportunity.
 - Mrs. Meyerson suggested that board members see the Ranch in person.
 - Board members discussed the possibility of having an opening event after the construction is completed.

4. Board Chair’s Report

- None.

5. Museum Manager’s Report

- Museum Program Associate – Marketing Kiersten Edgett began working. They are progressing through city training and starting to work on calendars. They will attend an upcoming board meeting to meet the board.
- The Education and Public Program Coordinator position closed. There were 178 applicants, of which 98 were minimally qualified. HR picked 44 candidates. The Museum selected 13 to do Spark interviews. There are likely two more interview rounds ahead.
- The Visual Arts Specialist position closed last week. Spark interview questions have been written, and the process is moving forward.
- Multiple donations have been received:
 - A visitor funded the purchase of a wheelchair for guest use. A written policy has been developed for implementation, and it has already been used by a visitor to the Museum.
 - The Paul Harvey Foundation gave \$5,000 towards future exhibitions.
 - An anonymous donor gave \$15,270 to fund a 3D virtual rendering for the Frank Lloyd Wright exhibition. A sample of the virtual rendering will likely be available in December.
 - The Museum received a grant of \$3,500 from SRP to fund Vision Kids.

- The Chandler Cultural Foundation agreed to fund the artist fees for Vision Kids for the next two years.
- Bus shelters around the city and the pillars at the intersection of Frye Road and Chandler Village Drive are advertising the *Being Eddie Basha* exhibition.

Briefing

None.

Member Comments

None.

Member Announcements

None.

Calendar

1. Calendar of Exhibitions and Events

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Barbara Meyerson, Chair

Jody Crago, Staff Liaison