Meeting Minutes
Chandler Museum Foundation
Regular Meeting

October 6, 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
Richard Feely, Vice-Chair
Gregory Herriman, Treasurer
Joshua Askey
Mary Cimaglio
Susan Crabtree
Shatavia Elder
Chris McMullan
Devin Moreno
Gretchen Pace
Heather Patterson
Jacki Ryan
Martin Sepulveda

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

Absent

Unscheduled Public Appearances

Consent Agenda
1. Approve Minutes from the September 1, 2026, Chandler Museum Foundation Board Meeting

- Board Member Martin Sepulveda made a motion to approve minutes from the September 1, 2026, Chandler Museum Foundation Board Meeting.
- Board Member Heather Patterson seconded the motion.
- Motion carried unanimously (13-0). The minutes were approved as presented.

Action Agenda

None.

Discussion

2. Initiative Workgroups Presentation
    - Board Vice-Chair Richard Feely shared the plan that the governance subcommittee developed for the implementation of the strategic workgroups:
        - No more than six board members will be on a workgroup or at a workgroup meeting. Workgroups develop a plan, but the entire board agrees and executes the plan. Workgroups are encouraged to develop their own KPIs. Quarterly, workgroups will update the spreadsheet on LiveBinder and present updates to the board.
        - Workgroups will be led by the following board and staff members:
            - Fundraising strategy – Board Treasurer Gregory Herriman, Museum Manager Jody Crago
            - Museum advocacy – Board Chair Barbara Meyerson, Museum Operations Manager Peter Bugg
            - Marketing strategy – Board Member Jacki Ryan, Museum Program Associate – Marketing Kiersten Edgett
            - Tumbleweed Ranch – Mr. Feely, Mr. Crago
        - The schedule for workgroup presentations is as follows:
            - Fundraising strategy – January, April, August, October
            - Museum advocacy – February, May, November
            - Marketing strategy – March, June, September, December
            - Tumbleweed Ranch – June, December (Governance Subcommittee)
    - Mrs. Ryan suggested that each workgroup should have actionable goals that are measurable.
    - Board Member Chris McMullan suggested that the Tumbleweed Ranch meetings and reports should happen more than twice a year.
    - Mr. Sepulveda suggested that the Museum has political support from City Council and that support will be crucial for the future of Tumbleweed Ranch.

- The board discussed that the Tumbleweed Ranch workgroup would provide tasks and requests to the other workgroups.
- Mr. Crago shared that the board does not fundraise for operations or develop programming as there is a staff member assigned to that responsibility. The board can fundraise for expansions to current Museum activities.
- The board discussed wanting to be involved in the development of the vision for Tumbleweed Ranch.
- If workgroups would like to meet in the Saguaro Room at the Museum, they can schedule that time with Mr. Bugg. The classroom at the Vision Gallery and Microsoft Teams are also available options.
- The board member team lead will schedule workgroup meetings.
- Mr. Crago reviewed the LiveBinder site. When board members would like to update the spreadsheet, they are to send it to the staff lead to have it uploaded.

3. Discuss 2027 Meeting Schedules for Full Board and Subcommittees
    - Mr. Crago shared that the subcommittee meeting times are moving to Tuesdays at the same times as their current meeting times. For example, the executive subcommittee meeting time will be moved to Tuesdays at 2 pm.
    - The 2027 board meeting schedule will be on the action agenda at the next board meeting.
4. Board Chair's Report
    - An article was published about Board Member Shatavia Elder starting a new position at Arizona PBS. The article was passed around the room.
    - On Friday, Mrs. Meyerson and Mrs. Elder will have a call with Keen Independent Research regarding the Arts and Culture Master Plan. Mrs. Meyerson will suggest creating a comprehensive list of cultural resources in Chandler. If board members have items that they would like to have mentioned, Mrs. Meyerson asked the board members to reach out to her.
5. Museum Manager's Report
    - *Radio that Rocked the Valley* closed last weekend, and all artifacts have been removed.
    - The next exhibition *Ocatilla: Frank Lloyd Wright's Lost Desert Masterpiece* will open on October 27. It is a collaboration with OA+D, the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, and Taliesin West. It is a precursor to the signature exhibition on Frank Lloyd Wright that will happen in a couple of years. For the exhibition, an Ocatilla cabin is being rebuilt with assistance from OA+D and Taliesin West. Frank Lloyd Wright related items and an exhibition catalog will be available in the Museum store.
        - There is a kickoff Media Day planned.

    - The Frank Lloyd Wright Conservancy Conference will be in Phoenix this year, and a preconference day will be hosted at the Museum.
    - OA+D will have a fundraiser at the Museum.
    - Florida Southern University is sending students to the Museum.
- Progress with the hiring process is being made:
    - The Visual Arts Specialist position has been hired, and Hanley Ange will fill the position.
    - The third-round interviews for the Education and Programs Coordinator position have been completed. An individual was selected and an offer was made.
- The *Lurking* exhibition at the Chandler Center for the Arts was supposed to open on October 3, but due to construction delays and staff availability, the exhibition will open on October 30.
- There has been good media coverage for *The Collectionists* exhibition located at the Vision Gallery.

Briefing

None.

Member Comments

None.

Member Announcements

- Mr. Bugg shared upcoming Museum events:
    - *Office of Collecting and Design* Special Events
        - Friday – Film Screening with Jessica Oreck
        - Saturday – Flatlay Workshops
    - Sunday – Concert Truck
- History Bites highlighted Leon Espinoza today, and it was well attended.

Calendar

1. Calendar of Exhibitions and Events

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.

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Barbara Meyerson, Chair	Jody Crago, Staff Liaison