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MUSEUMS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (MCAAB) Thursday, May
May 15, 2024 at 4:00 PM
Mexican American Cultural Center

MINUTES

Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 4:08 pm.

Roll Call.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Contreras, Valeria	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
De Leon, Bianca	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Giangiulio, Anne	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Glenn, Lucio	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gonzalez, Marlene	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hernandez- Cigarruista, Patrick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Loweree, Carlos III	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Olivares, Christopher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prieto Montoya, Pamela (Vice-Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Salas, Jose Luis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tena, Vanessa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valdez, Laura (Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
White, Isabel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Zampini, Maria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Consecutive Absences: Hernandez-Cigarruista, Patrick

Others Present: Claudia Cardoza, Erica Marin, Edward Hayes, Sebastian Ribas-Normand, Roberta Brito, and Naomi Castro

Public Comment. None.

- 1. Approval of Minutes.** A Motion made by Marlene Gonzalez, seconded by Vanessa Tena and unanimously carried to APPROVE the April 17, 2025 minutes as written. None opposed. The Motion Passes.

AYES: B. Deleon, M. Gonzalez, P. Prieto, V. Tena. J. Salas, I. White, and M. Zampini

NAYS: None

ABSENT: P. Cigarruista-Hernandez, V. Contreras, A. Giangiulio, L. Glenn, C. Loweree, C. Olivares, and L. Valdez.

- 2. Discussion and Action on El Paso Museum of Archaeology Accessions.** Sebastian Ribas-Normand of the El Paso Museum of Archaeology went into a detailed presentation of the proposed accessions, they include; 5 ceramics from the Tigua (Ysleta del Sur) Pueblo donated by Gloria Lujan, El Paso, Texas, a Dine (Navajo) Rug donated by Alison Olney, Georgetown, Texas, a Human Effigy Vessel and Owl Effigy Vessel donated by Matt Brennew, El Paso, Texas, a burden basket

donated by Enrico Rao, Las Cruces, New Mexico, a Casas Grandes Style effigy vessel donated by Amy Church hill, Williamsville, Illinois, and a motor stone, a metate, a small millstone donated by Deborah Whitehill, El Paso Texas. Sebastian gave a brief description and origin of each of the pieces that were donated to the El Paso Museum of Archaeology. A Motion was made by Marlene Gonzalez, seconded by Jose Luis Salas and unanimously carried to Approve the El Paso Museum of Archaeology Accessions.

- 3. Presentation and Discussion on School Outreach Efforts.** Josephine Jimarez-Howard, Community Engagement Coordinator for the El Pao Museum of Art started with a brief introduction of her presentation of MCAD's Educational Outreach for the El Paso Museums of Art, Archaeology, History, and the new Mexican American Cultural Center. Josephine highlighted all the different offerings the museums offer to the community. Josephine explained how the museums collaborate with local school districts, the university and community college, they participate in many career days, offer classes, school tours/fieldtrips, and volunteer programs. Josephine ended her presentation with Key Data Across MCAD, for fiscal year 2024, the total for MCAD sites were: EPMA: 303 activities and 7,307 attendees; EPMArch: 74 activities and 3,955 attendees; EPMH: 23 activities and 1,323 attendees, and MACC (pre- opening): 6 activities and 193 attendees. A discussion was held with questions being answered.
- 4. Museum Reports.** Sebastian Ribas-Normand, Director of the Museum of Archaeology, reported attendance of 17,586 visitors. He highlighted past events that the museum has been offering, they are: Outreach Dia de los Niños, Dia de los Libros, Lectura by Michael E. Whalen, Discovering Nature, Javelinas, Printmaking with Skuishi Press and MCAD Opportunities Open House. Upcoming events include Mica Clay and All It's Sparkle, Discovering Nature, Summer Solstice, Archaeology After Dark and Summer Camps. Exhibits he highlighted were, Leaving Their Mark, Distinct Object, Sun Sparkle, Water and Wildlife in the Chihuahuan Desert.

Edward Hayes, Director of the Museum of Art, reported that they are reaching 20,000 followers on Instagram. Edward gave a recap of April: Congressional Art Competition and as a guest was Congresswoman Veronica Escobar and 250 in attendance. He highlighted the conference Lantinx Muralism Exchange which had 100 registrants. He announced the Rachella Thiewes: Paint exhibit to open on Friday, May 30, 2025.

Erica Marin, Director of the Museum of History, reported attendance of 25,000 visitors. She highlighted past events, they are UTEP Students Showcase: The Popular, Bites and Beats, and Musica Sin Fronteras. Upcoming events she highlighted are, Pasos Urbanos III and Kid's Table, and Media and Talk, and upcoming exhibits are, Escaramuzas; Poetics of Home.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2025.

Approved for content by:
Claudia Cardoza, Assistant Director
Museums & Cultural Affairs Department

Respectfully submitted by:
Naomi Castro
Administrative Support Associate
Museums and Cultural Affairs Department

Attachments: None