



Museums & Cultural Affairs Department

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Renard U. Johnson

SPECIAL MEETING

Museums & Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (MCAAB)

Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 4:00 PM

El Paso Museum of Archaeology

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Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 4:04 PM MST.

Roll Call: Done by Saul S. Flores

- **Members Present:** Valeria Contreras, Lucio Glenn, Christopher Olivares, Vanessa Tena, and Isabel White.
- **Members Absent:** Bianca De Leon and Maria Zampini.
- **Consecutive Absences:** Maria Zampini.
- **Others Present:** Ben Fyffe, Claudia Cardoza, Saul S. Flores, Roberto Aguinaga, Miriam Garcia, Adrian Guzman, Rebecca Munoz, Edward Hayes, and Meridith Mckinley.

Public Comment: None at this time.

1. Discussion and Action on 2026-2036 Public Art Master Plan:

- Ben Fyffe provided an overview of the purpose of the master plan, noting that it establishes strategic direction and guiding principles for the public art program over the next ten years, separate from the annual public art plan. The plan is intended for presentation to City Council following committee review.
- Meredith McKinley presented a summary of the Public Art Master Plan update, including:
 - i. Community engagement process and stakeholder input
 - ii. Program accomplishments since the 2014 plan
 - iii. Mission, vision, and goals for the next decade
 - iv. Implementation tools and project identification strategies
 - v. Public art opportunity areas and partnership recommendations
 - vi. Enhancements to the Art Purchase Program
 - vii. Strategies for artist development and community engagement
 - viii. Private development partnerships and funding diversification
 - ix. Staffing and operational recommendations

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- x. Updates to program guidelines and policies
- Discussion:
 - i. Committee members asked questions regarding:
 1. Management and oversight of existing public art
 2. Social media communication and public awareness
 3. Partnerships with external agencies and institutions
 4. Future opportunities such as major infrastructure or development projects
 - Staff responded to questions and discussed opportunities for expanded public engagement and partnerships.
 - Chris Olivares made motion to approve, and Isabel White seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; no one opposed. Motion Passed.
 - **Additional Note:** plan is scheduled for consideration by City Council on February 17.

Adjournment of Meeting: Lucio Glenn made motion to adjourn meeting and Chris Olivares seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; no one opposed. Motion Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 PM MST.

Approved for content by:
Claudia Cardoza, Assistant Director
Respectfully submitted by:
Saul S. Flores, Administrative Assistant



 Chair
 2/19/2026

 Date

