



# Museums & Cultural Affairs Department

**MAYOR**  
Renard U. Johnson

## Museums & Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (MCAAB)

Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Mexican American Cultural Center

### CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

**District 1**  
Alejandra Chávez

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 4:08 PM MST.

**District 2**  
Dr. Josh Acevedo

**Roll Call:** Done by Saul S. Flores

**District 3**  
Deanna M. Rocha

- **Members Present:** Valeria Contreras, Bianca De Leon, Lucio Glenn, Christopher Olivares, and Isabel White.
- **Members Absent:** Vanessa Tena.
- **Consecutive Absences:** None.
- **Others Present:** Claudia Cardoza, Saul S. Flores, Roberto Aguinaga, Rebecca Munoz, Edward Hayes, Erica Marin, Sebastian Ribas-Normand, Michael Reyes, Josie Jimarez-Howard, Mariana Briseno, Paulina Rosas, Mariana Orozco, Pico de Hierro-Villa.

**District 4**  
Cynthia Boyar Trejo

**District 5**  
Ivan Niño

**Public Comment:** None at this time.

**District 6**  
Art Fierro

**1. Approval of Minutes: December 20, 2025:**

- Chris Olivares made a motion to approve, and Lucio Glenn seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; no one opposed. Motion Passed.

**District 7**  
Lily Limón

**2. Approval of Minutes: January 22, 2026:**

- Isabel White made a motion to approve, and Chris Olivares seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; no one opposed. Motion Passed.

**District 8**  
Chris Canales

**3. Discussion and Action on El Paso Museum of History Deaccessions:**

- Mariana Briseno, Museum Registrar, presented proposed deaccessions of a saddle in poor condition and lacking relevance to the museum's mission.
- Chris Olivares made a motion to approve, and Isabel White seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; no one opposed. Motion Passed.

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Dionne Mack

**4. Discussion and Action on El Paso Museum of History Accessions:**

- Mariana Briseno, Museum Registrar, presented proposed accession item a Remington Rand Calculator in good condition and fits into the museum's mission.

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- Lucio Glenn made a motion to approve, and Bianca De Leon seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; no one opposed. Motion Passed.

### 5. Discussion and Action on the Mexican American Cultural Center Community Gallery Guidelines:

- Rebecca Munoz, MACC Director, presented the MACC Community Gallery Guidelines.
- Board members had questions and discussion on the guidelines.
- Chris Olivares made a motion to approve, and Isabel White seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; no one opposed. Motion Passed.

### 6. Discussion and Action on the Updated Market Guidelines:

- Paulina Rosas, Artist & Farmers Market Coordinator, presented the updated Market guidelines, which include a proposed fee increase to accommodate the rising costs of road closures.
- Board members discussed whether the proposed fee increase would be sufficient to cover road closure expenses.
- Lucio Glenn made a motion to approve, and Bianca De Leon seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; no one opposed. Motion Passed.

### 7. Discussion and Update on the El Paso Museum of Art offsite programing and activities:

- Josephine Jimarez-Howard, Community Engagement Coordinator, presented on the success of the outreach programs and activities conducted while the Museum of Art was closed for renovations. Staff also noted that the community has expressed interest in increased engagement, and a plan is in place to expand these activities now that the museum has reopened.

### 8. Museum Reports: Museum of Archaeology, Museum of Art, Museum of History and Mexican American Cultural Center:

- **Museum of Archaeology:** Attendance is a little over 11,000 visitors, with increased social media engagement. Recent highlights included Discovering Nature, and Archaeology After Dark. Upcoming programs include Archaeology at Lunar New Year, and Poppies Fest in March.
- **Museum of Art:** The El Paso Museum of Art reopened with all 12 HVAC units replaced and fully operational. The reopening featured the exhibitions Frida Kahlo: Sus Fotos, Suzi Davidoff: Wander, Razi Project, and Desert Rinpa.

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- **Museum of History:** Staff reviewed upcoming events, including Story Time and the Lunar New Year event and related activities. Staff also reported raising \$528,000 in grants and donations.
- **Mexican American Cultural Center:** Attendance has reached a little over 43,000 visitors for the fiscal year. Recent highlights included an art class led by Citlali Delgado. Upcoming events include a Spring Break Culinary Camp and the Primer Cumple of the MACC.

**Adjournment of Meeting:** Chris Olivares made motion to adjourn meeting and Lucio Glenn seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; no one opposed. Motion Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 PM MST.

Approved for content by:  
Rebecca Munoz, MACC Director  
Respectfully submitted by:  
Saul S. Flores, Administrative Assistant

Chair

April 17, 2026

Date

