CITY CLERK DEPT
2026 OCT 15 AM 10:05

MAYOR
Renard U. Johnson

CITY COUNCIL

District 1
Alejandra Chávez

District 2
Dr. Josh Acevedo

District 3
Deanna M. Rocha

District 4
Cynthia Boyar Trejo

District 5
Ivan Niño

District 6
Art Fierro

District 7
Lily Limón

District 8
Chris Canales

CITY MANAGER
Dionne Mack

Museums & Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (MCAAB)

Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Mexican American Cultural Center

MINUTES

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 4:03 PM MST.

Roll Call: Done by Saul S. Flores

- **Members Present:** Bianca De Leon, Russell Helsabeck-Ochoa, Lucio Glenn, Dr. Christopher Olivares, and Vanessa Tena, and Isabel White.
- **Members Absent:** Valeria Contreras and Raul Garcia.
- **Members Tardy:** Bianca De Leon.
- **Early Departures:** None.
- **Consecutive Absences:**
- **Others Present:** Ben Fyffe, Claudia Cardoza, Saul S. Flores, Robert Aguinaga, Sebastian Ribas-Normand, Erica Marin, Eddie Hayes, Rebecca Munoz, Miriam Garcia, Carolyn Yanez, Michael Reyes, and Mariana Orozco.

Public Comment: None at this time.

1. **Approval of Minutes: June 18, 2026:**
    - Vanessa Tena made a motion to approve, and Russell Helsabeck-Ochoa seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; no one opposed. Motion Passed.
2. **Discussion and Action on the Appointment of Adrian Lopez to the Public Art Committee:**
    - Miriam Garcia presented the recommendation of Adrian Lopez to the Public Art Committee.
    - Dr. Chris Olivares made a motion to approve, and Russell Helsabeck-Ochoa seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; no one opposed. Motion Passed.
3. **Discussion and Action on the Mexican American Cultural Center Recording Studio Policies:**
    - Rebecca Munoz presented on the MACC Recording Studio Policies.
    - Board members asked questions and engaged in discussion.
    - Vanessa Tena made a motion to approve, and Russell Helsabeck-Ochoa seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; no one opposed. Motion Passed.

CITY CLERK DEPT
2026 OCT 15 AM10:05

Museums & Cultural Affairs Department

MAYOR
Renard U. Johnson

CITY COUNCIL

District 1
Alejandra Chávez

District 2
Dr. Josh Acevedo

District 3
Deanna M. Rocha

District 4
Cynthia Boyar Trejo

District 5
Ivan Niño

District 6
Art Fierro

District 7
Lily Limón

District 8
Chris Canales

CITY MANAGER
Dionne Mack

4. **Discussion and Action on FY27 Cultural Funding Program Award Recommendations:**
   - Carolyn Yanez presented the proposed finalists for funding through the Cultural Funding Program.
   - Board members asked questions and engaged in discussion on the selection process of the awardees.
   - Dr. Christopher Olivares made a motion to approve, and Vanessa Tena seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; no one opposed. Motion Passed.
5. **Museum Reports: Museum of Archaeology, Museum of Art, Museum of History and Mexican American Cultural Center:**
   - **Museum of Archaeology:**
     i. Staff reported attendance 32,305 visitors.
     ii. Staff highlighted recent lectures, educational programming, and volunteer activities.
     iii. Upcoming events include Workshop, Drawing Insects, Book Club, and Dig into the Past.
   - **Museum of Art:**
     i. Staff reported attendance of 70,579 visitors.
     ii. Staff highlighted recent events and educational programming, including Wellness Family Day.
     iii. Staff announced the opening of the 2026 Border Biennial.
     iv. Staff discussed the National Gallery of Art Loan Program selection process for EPMA.
   - **Museum of History:**
     i. Staff reported attendance of more than 41,000 visitors and significant engagement through the Digital Wall.
     ii. Staff highlighted El Otro Muralismo and summer camps and leatherwork workshop.
     iii. Upcoming events include third Thursday events and leatherwork workshop.
   - **Mexican American Cultural Center:**
     i. Staff reported fiscal year attendance of 69,043 visitors.
     ii. Staff highlighted the Femme Frontera Film Festival and success turn out for the World Cup watch party.
     iii. Upcoming programs include workshops beadwork bead and weaving.
     iv. Upcoming events: Noche del Divo.

CITY CLERK DEPT
2026 OCT 15 AM10:05

Museums & Cultural Affairs Department

MAYOR
Renard U. Johnson

CITY COUNCIL

District 1
Alejandra Chávez

District 2
Dr. Josh Acevedo

District 3
Deanna M. Rocha

District 4
Cynthia Boyar Trejo

District 5
Ivan Niño

District 6
Art Fierro

District 7
Lily Limón

District 8
Chris Canales

CITY MANAGER
Dionne Mack

Adjournment of Meeting: Dr. Christopher Olivares made motion to adjourn meeting and Bianca De Leon seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; no one opposed. Motion Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM MST.

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

Vice Chair

9/17/26
Date