

Ontario Museum of History & Art Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2024

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CALL TO ORDER

President Chris Kueng called the Museum Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Kueng

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	President	Chris Kueng
	Board Member	Christian Garcia
		Jerry Weems
		Shannon Gerstheimer
	Museum Associates Liaison	Leslie Sherwood-James
	Museum, Arts & Culture Director	Marissa Kuchek
	Museum Manager	Carolyn Oakes
	Curator of Exhibits	Samantha Herrera
	Curator of Collections	Michelle Sifuentes
	Administrative Assistant	Veronica Padilla
ABSENT:	Council Liaison	Debra Porada
	Board Member	Rick Caughman
	Executive Director of Community Life & Culture	Helen McAlary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 24, 2024, minutes were approved by a 3-0 vote with a motion from President pro Tem Shannon Gerstheimer and a second from Board Member Jerry Weems.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON DEBRA PORADA

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Director Report

Museum, Arts & Culture Director, Marissa Kuchek

Director Kuchek went over attendance for September and October. Director Kuchek also went over division updates:

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Collections: The Collections team had a member of their team that presented at CLC Con (Community, Life & Culture Conference) in September. The Curator of Collections held a round table discussion at the Western Museum Association Conference and as of recently, she is also a member of the Western Museum Association's Board of Directors. The updated inventory count is at 2,167 items and they are approximately 20% done with the *Gem of the Foothills* inventory.

Education: The Education team put together the First Thursdays: *Día de los Muertos* program as well First Thursdays: Paint in the dark that was provided by Mario Solorzano.

Exhibits: The Exhibits team opened the annual *Día de los Muertos* exhibition. They also worked with the Arts & Culture Event Coordinator to bring to life a reception for the *Día de los Muertos* exhibition.

Other: Director Kuchek thanked the board who attended the Ontario Arts Festival. Director Kuchek led a discussion on the field trip to the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum.

Staff Report

Curator of Exhibits, Samantha Herrera presented on the next exhibition, *Mission Gráfica: Reflecting a Community in Print* and *Centered in Ink: Printmaking in the Inland Empire*. The highlighted themes for *Mission Gráfica* will be women's empowerment, indigenous America, gender inequality, cultural celebrations, US imperialism, and more. *Mission Gráfica* was established in the 1980's and they centered their artwork around screen printing. *Centered in Ink* will also have a catalog, and it will focus on the artist from the Inland Empire and their work.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MUSEUM ASSOCIATES COMMENTS

Museum Associates Liaison Leslie Sherwood-James commented that *Mission Gráfica: Reflecting a Community in Print* is a book and that it would be a great addition to the Museum store. Museum Associate Liaison Sherwood-James expressed her excitement for the new exhibition.

MUSEUM BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS

President pro Tem Shannon Gerstheimer shared that she enjoyed the Ontario Arts Festival this year and she sees that it is growing. President pro Tem Gerstheimer also expressed that she appreciated the field trip, and she was able to learn a lot.

Board Member Christian Garcia explained that he enjoyed the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum field trip and how it can relate to the Ontario Museum of History & Art.

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Board Member Jerry Weems stated that he enjoyed the Ontario Arts Festival and the field trip to the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum. He stated that he liked the front landscape of the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum and has hopes that we can bring some of that to the Ontario Museum of History & Art's Rose Garden.

President Chris Kueng explained how much he enjoys the presentations given by staff since they provide information on what the Ontario Museum of History & Art has done, what are they doing now and what are they doing in the future. President Kueng thanked the staff and Director Kuchek for coming so far.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 6:00 PM in Historic Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Garcia with a second by President pro Tem Gerstheimer with a 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

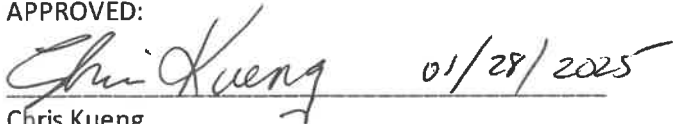
Submitted:



Veronica Padilla

Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:



Chris Kueng

President