Ontario Museum of History & Art Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2026
(Subject to Board approval)

CALL TO ORDER
President Shannon Gerstheimer called the Museum Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Led by President Gerstheimer

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	President	Shannon Gerstheimer
	Board Member	Chris Kueng
	Board Member	Mark Kendall
	Board Member	Daniel Caluag
	Museum Manager	Carolyn Oakes
	Museum, Arts & Culture Director	Marissa Kucheck
	Curator of Exhibits	Samantha Herrera
	Administrative Assistant	Veronica Padilla
ABSENT:	President pro Tem	Christian Garcia
	Museum Associates Liaison	Tracy Serrano
	Council Liaison	Debra Porada
	Executive Director of Community Life & Culture	Helen McAlary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
February 24, 2026, minutes were approved by a 4-0 vote with a motion from Board Member Caluag and a second from Board Member Kendall.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON DEBRA PORADA
None.

STAFF REPORTS
Director Report
Director, Marissa Kucheck

Director Kucheck presented the attendance and the social media update from February 2026. She also went over division updates:

Collections: The Collections team helped to install the new exhibition *Lived-In: Creative Practices Shaped by People & Places* with the Exhibitions team. The Collections team also participated in the Open House for Educators event.

Education: The Education team held a Youth Art Month (YAM) Reception to honor 34 student artists from Mariposa Elementary. The First Thursday program for March included viewing the YAM exhibition and creating artwork based off the YAM theme, "The World Needs Art." The Education team also welcomed many tours including tours for city staff.

Exhibits: The Exhibits team de-installed *For Race & Country: Buffalo Soldiers in California* and installed the new exhibition, *Lived-In: Creative Practices Shaped by People & Places.*

Other: Director Kucheck shared that the Ontario Museum of History & Art staff participated in the California Association of Museums conference where they held three panels on various topics. They also submitted an application to the Institute of Museum and Library Services to support the renovation of the *Gem of the Foothills* exhibition.

Staff Report
Curator of Exhibits, Samantha Herrera went over the biennial joint exhibition with the Chaffey Community Museum of Art (CCMA), titled *Community as Canvas*. CCMA has two titled exhibitions called *Walls That Speak: A History of Chicana/o Mural Art, 1970s – 1990s* and *Walls That Speak: New Work by Man One, Cosmé Cordova, and Joe Ded*. The Ontario Museum of History & Art's exhibition is titled *Lived-in: Creative Practices Shaped by People & Place.* Curator Herrera reviewed all the artists that will be exhibiting, which included three artist installations by Willis Garcia Salomon, Kikesa Kimbwala DeRobles, and Jacqueline Valenzuela. The exhibition will be on view from April 9, 2026 – July 5, 2026.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
President Gerstheimer prompted nominations for Board President and President pro Tem.

Board Member Chris Keung nominated Shannon Gerstheimer for President with no other nominations. President Gerstheimer motioned a vote, 4-0 vote for Shannon Gerstheimer to remain President, none opposed.

The floor was then opened to nominations for President pro Tem. President Gerstheimer nominated Christian Garcia for President pro Tem, with no other nominations. President pro Tem Garcia was not at the meeting, but he provided his consent to accept the nomination if offered. President Gerstheimer motioned a vote, 4-0 vote for Christian Garcia to remain as President pro Tem, none opposed.

MUSEUM ASSOCIATES COMMENTS
None.

MUSEUM BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Board Member Caluag commented that he is looking forward to bringing his family to the new exhibition.

Board Member Kendall thanked the Curator of Exhibits for her presentation and stated that he is excited to see the new exhibition.

Board Member Kueng explained that he contributed funding to the YAM award in honor of his parents, which is why the award was named "The Robert and Margrith Kueng Outstanding Young Artist Award."

President Shannon Gerstheimer thanked Board Member Kueng for his donation to YAM. She also congratulated Director Kucheck for her board status for the California Association of Museums. President Gerstheimer thanked the Curator of Exhibits for her hard work on the new exhibit.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
None.

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 6:00 PM in Historic Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Kueng with a second by Board Member Caluag with a 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.

SUBMITTED:

Veronica Padilla
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

Shannon Gerstheimer
President