

**Meeting Minutes
BOARD OF MUSEUMS AND HISTORY
September 27, 2018**

Location

**East Ely Railroad Museum
1100 Avenue A
Ely, NV 89301**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Stoldal, Chairman
Bryan Allison
Dr. Alicia Barber
Dr. Sarah Cowie
Dr. Doris Dwyer
Daniel Markoff
Anthony Timmons

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Mercedes de la Garza
Robert Ostrovsky
Seth Schorr

**DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES STAFF PRESENT**

Peter Barton, Division of Museums and History, Administrator
Guy Clifton, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Public Information Officer
Carrie Edlefsen, Division of Museums and History, Administrative Services Officer
Lauri Brown, Division of Museums and History, Administrative Assistant
Sarah Bradley, Attorney General's Office, Deputy Attorney General
Jim Bertolini, DCNR, State Historic Preservation Office, National and State Register Coordinator
Sean Pitts, East Ely Railroad Museum, Museum Director

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Sarah Hulme, Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas, volunteer
Sandy McGowan, Lund Grade School
Carol McKenzie, Lund Grade School
Marion Francis, Lund Grade School
Sheila Allred, Lund Grade School
Marla McDade Williams, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Michon R. Eben, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony

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1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00am and confirmed a quorum was present and the meeting was posted in accordance with NRS 241. (1,2)
 2. The Chair took Item 3, Board Announcements and Meeting Logistics. The Chair took this time to discuss the new appointments and reappointments. (3)
 3. The Chair took Item 4, Public Comment. There was no public comment at this time. (4)
 4. The Chair took Item 5a, Acceptance of Minutes for June 14, 2018. Dr. Alicia Barber made the motion to approve the minutes for June 14, 2018. Member Markoff seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (5a)
 5. The Chair took Item 5b, Acceptance of Minutes for June 15, 2018. Dr. Alicia Barber made the motion to approve the minutes for June 15, 2018. Member Markoff seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (5b)

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6. The Chair took Item 6a, Calendar for Next Meeting. Daniel Markoff made the motion to approve November 29-30, 2018 at the Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City. Member Dwyer seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (6a)
7. The Chair took Item 6b, Calendar for Next Meeting. Dr. Alicia Barber made the motion to approve March 20, 2019 at the Nevada State Museum, Carson City. Member Dwyer seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (6b)
8. The Chair took Item 7a, Nomination to the State Register of Historic Places. No nomination at this time. (7a)
9. The Chair took Item 7b, Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Jim Bertolini introduced the Lund Grade School for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Daniel Markoff made the motion to accept the nomination of the Lund Grade School to the National Register of Historic Places. Member Cowie seconded. Motion carried without dissent. Members of the Lund community were invited to offer their thoughts and comments. (7b)
10. The Chair took Item 8a, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs. David Peterson was unable to attend as he was in India. Mr. Peterson's written report was reviewed and discussion followed. No action was taken. (8a)
11. The Chair took Item 8b, State Historic Preservation Office. Rebecca Palmer was unable to attend. Jim Bertolini answered questions from the Board. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8b)
12. The Chair took Item 8c, Division of Museums and History. Peter Barton reported on the status of the Battle Born Hall exhibits, the school bus transportation reimbursement pilot funding program, SFY 2018 license plate revenue from SB 37, the hire of Anna Camp as curator to manage SB 244, the 2020-2021 Capital Improvement Program, the planning for the March 2019 Museum Showcase, National History Day, and a personnel status report. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8c)
13. The Chair took Item 8d, Public Information Officer. Guy Clifton informed the board about the pardon of Jack Johnson, the July-August issue of the Nevada Magazine, the Nevada State Museum Coin Press regarding the 125th Nevada Sage Brush medallion being celebrated October 19. (8d)
14. The Chair took Item 8e1a, Nevada Historical Society. Review and possible action to accept an amended Schedule C, distribution of assets for the David C. Tacchino Trust. This item was taken out of order. Dr. Alicia Barber made the motion to accept the amended Schedule C, distribution of the David C, Tacchino Trust. Member Allison seconded. Motion carried without dissent.
15. The Chair took Item 8e2a, Nevada State Museum, Carson City. Request for Board approval to waive admission fees for "Day of the Dead" activities on Saturday, November 3, 2018. Sponsorship will offset admission fees. Dr. Doris Dwyer made the motion to approve waiving admission fees for "Day of the Dead". Member Allison seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (8e2a)
16. The Chair took Item 8e2b, Nevada State Museum, Carson City. Review and possible action to approve a Board contract with Merit Electric, Reno, NV in the amount of \$42,400 for upgrading exhibit gallery lighting in several exhibit galleries at the Nevada State Museum, using proceeds from the Bretzlaff Foundation endowment. Dr. Doris Dwyer made a motion to approve a Board contract with Merit Electric. Member Barber seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (8e2b)
17. The Chair took Item 8e3, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City. The Board viewed a recently released Travel Nevada/Lt. Governor video. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8e3)

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18. The Chair took Item 8e4, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City. Report on current activities related to proposed expansion of the museum, including phasing, and funding. Distribute, review, and discuss new marketing assets including video and brochure. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8e4)
19. The Chair took Item 8e5, East Ely Railroad Depot Museum. Sean Pitts reported the Board the recent activities at the museum. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8e5)
20. The Chair took Item 8e6, Lost City Museum. Mr. Barton reported on the flooding damage of the Adobe. Fortunately, a recently completed had \$120,000 of unspent money that could be accessed for the repairs. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8e6)
21. The Chair took Item 8e7, Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas. Mr. Barton reported on the World War I exhibit that opens October 11, at 6:00pm. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8e7)
22. The Chair took Item 9a, Collections. Nothing to report. (9a)
23. The Chair took Item 9b, Strategic Planning. Nothing to report. (9b)
24. The Chair took Item 9c, Major Gifts. Nothing to report. (9c)
25. The Chair took Item 9d, Facility Use. Daniel Markoff reported that the Friends want to enter an agreement with contractor/caterer for certain special events. This could be in conflict with the current Interlocal Agreement and prior to any action, the Las Vegas Valley Water District must be consulted concerning use of an outside entity to act as sales and booking agent for special events at the museum. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (9d)
26. The Chair took Item 9e1, Finance. Presentation of Morgan Stanley investment reports and account balances for April-June 2018. Anthony Timmons reported to the board the status of the Morgan Stanley investments. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (9e1)
27. The Chair took Item 9f, Membership. Nothing to report.
28. The Chair took Item 9g, Museum Store. Nothing to report.
29. The Chair took Item 9h, Major Donor. Nothing to report.
30. The Chair took Item 9i, Technology. Nothing to report.
31. The Chair took Item 9j, Marketing. Anthony Timmons reported that he had reached out to the CMO people for marketing ideas. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (9j)
32. The Chair took Item 9k, East Ely Railroad Depot Museum. Dr. Doris Dwyer stated she had nothing more to report after Mr. Barton shared the current status with the White Pine Railroad Foundation. A second meeting of the parties, including the museum, Division, foundation, legal counsel and State Lands is tentatively planned. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (9k)
33. The Chair took Item 9l, Nevada Historical Society. This item was taken out of order. Dr. Barber went over a spreadsheet that she prepared for the board to review comparing other state's historical journals and how they are produced and by whom. Discussion was held and further progress is anticipated for reporting in November. No action was taken. (9l)
34. The Chair took Item 9m, Nevada State Prison. Dr. Alicia Barber reported that a feasibility study has not yet been conducted but that recent meetings with various State officials suggests the non-profit Prison Preservation Society may be moving toward a request for funding to complete such a study from the 2019 Legislative session. No funds have been deposited in the prison account. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (9m)
35. The Chair took Item 9n, Nevada Historical Society Relocation. This item was taken out of order. Dr. Alicia Barber and Peter Barton both reported to the board the status of the possible relocation to the Warren Nelson building. Presently it appears quite positive that the proposed swap of the current Historical Society building for the Warren Nelson building may be successful. There is an issue with cash equalization of values but the Division of

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State Lands is working toward resolving the issue. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (9n)

36. The Chair took Item 10a-b, Private Fund Budget Adjustments. There were no budget adjustments. (10a-b)
37. The Chair took Item 11, Consent Agenda. Daniel Markoff made a motion to accept 1, 2, 4, and 5 of the consent agenda. Member Cowie seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (11,1-2, 4-5) Bryan Allison made a motion to accept 3 of the consent agenda. Member Barber seconded. Chairman Stoldal recused himself. Motion passed with the Chair abstaining. (11, 1-5)
38. The Chair took Item 12, Board Member Comment on Non-agendized Items. None. (12)
39. The Chair took Item 13, Future Museum Board Agenda Items. None. (13)
40. The Chair took Item 14, Public Comment. No public comment. (14)
41. The meeting was adjourned at 2:22pm. (15)