



MEETING MINUTES
NEVADA BOARD OF MUSEUMS AND HISTORY
SEPTEMBER 14, 2023
Holiday Inn Express
1505 E Aultman St,
Ely, NV 89301

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Timmons, Chair
Mercedes de la Garza
Bert Bedeau*
Nathan Harper
Daniel Markoff
Courtney Mooney*
Janet Petersen
Michelle Schmitter*
Mark Slaughter

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

E'sha Hoferer
Seth Schorr

STAFF PRESENT

Brenda Scolari, Director, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs*
Mary Ellen Kawchack, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs*
Francine Burge, Public Relations Manager, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs
Samantha Szesciorka, Content Marketing Specialist, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs
Rebecca Palmer, State Historic Preservation Officer*
Myron Freedman, Administrator, Nevada Division of Museums & History
Daphne DeLeon, Administrative Services Officer, Nevada Division of Museums & History
Hollis Gillespie, Director, Nevada State Museum Las Vegas
Tracey Sprague, Director, Lost City Museum
Daniel Thielen, Director, Nevada State Railroad Museum Carson City
Sean Pitts, Director, Nevada State Railroad Museum East Ely
Josh Bonde, Director, Nevada State Museum Carson City*
Catherine Magee, Director, Nevada Historical Society
Ron Webster, Chief Technology Officer, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs
Kelly Brant, Nevada State Museum, Carson City, Membership Lead*
Mike Malone, Administrative Assistant, Nevada Division of Museums & History
Gene Hattori, Curator, Anthropology IV, Nevada State Museum*

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General*
Adam Michalski, Carson City Railroad Museum Curator
Michelle Van Geel*
Brenden Pearson*
Michon*

* participation via teleconference

1. Call for the start of the recording of the meeting. Chair of Nevada Board of Museums and History and Staff.

Chair Anthony Timmons called for the start of the meeting recording.

2. Call meeting to order.

Chair Timmons called the meeting to order.

3. Call for confirmation that meeting was properly posted. Board Chair and Staff.

Administrator Myron Freedman confirmed the meeting was posted in accordance with NRS.

4. Call for the roll call of Board and determination of quorum. Board Chair and Staff.

Chair Timmons called for roll. Mike Malone, AAll, confirmed a quorum of members.

5. Board announcements and meeting logistics. Board Chair and Staff. (Information only).

6. Public comment announcement. Board Chair.

No public comment was given.

7. Public notification. Board Chair (information only.)

Chair Timmons stated that items on the public agenda may be taken out of order, and the Board may combine two or more agenda items for consideration and action by the Board. In addition, the Board may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

8. Acceptance of minutes. Board Chair and Staff.

a. June 8, 2023 Board Meeting summary (for possible action.) +

Member Petersen moved to approve as presented. Member Markoff seconded. Motion carried without dissent, with the Chair voting in favor.

b. July 27, 2023 Membership Committee Meeting. Transcript available on the DMH website:

<https://nvmuseums.org/meetings-agendas-minutes/> (for possible action.)

Member de la Garza moved to approve as presented. Member Petersen seconded. Motion carried without dissent, with the Chair voting in favor.

9. Board Announcements and Meeting Dates. Board Chair

a. New Board Member introductions and vacancy update.

Administrator Freedman announced three new Board members; Michael "Bert" Bedeau (History representative), Nathan Harper (Prehistoric Archeology representative) and Mark Slaughter (Historic Archeology representative). The remaining open position is being addressed at the Governor's office and will be named in the future.

b. December 7 & 8, 2023 meeting in Reno at the Nevada Historical Society (for possible action.)

a. Suggestion from Director Magee for dinner social at Calafuria the evening of December 7.

The Tuesday meeting at Nevada Historical Society will have a social event at Calafuria Restaurant, in Reno. Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General, clarifies this is not a Board meeting, but a social event. Director Magee confirmed the restaurant is ADA accessible.

c. Future meeting dates (for possible action.)

Member Petersen moved to approve Friday, March 1, 2024, in Overton, NV (Lost City Museum). Member Markoff seconded. Motion carried without dissent, with the Chair voting in favor.

Member Petersen moved to approve June 3-4, 2024, at NSMLV. Member de la Garza seconded. Motion carried without dissent, with the Chair voting in favor.

10. Nevada State Historic Preservation Office. Rebecca Palmer, Administrator (All items are for possible action unless otherwise noted.)

a. SHPO Report +

Member de la Garza asks if the delisting was a request from the City of Reno and Rebecca Palmer confirmed it was.

11. Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs. Brenda Scolari, Director.

a. Department Update

1. Administrator succession

Having informed and received input from the Board of Museums and History, Director Scolari updated the Board that she will provide a formal offer to Director Thielen for the position of Administrator, Division of Museums and History.

2. Marketing and Communications Report. Francine Burge, Samantha Szeciorka

The Liberace event was a great success and had a large media presence.

Samantha Szeciorka provided social media workshops emphasizing the core principles:

- *Increase Revenue*
- *Educate/Inspire*
- *Drive Attendance*
- *Facilitate Community*

12. Administrator's Report. Myron Freedman, DMH Administrator. (Information only, unless noted otherwise.)

a. General Report

b. Capital Projects Update

c. Cloud Storage Plan and Funding Request (for possible action) +

Member Bedeau moved to approve as presented. Member de la Garza seconded. Motion carried without dissent, with the Chair voting in favor.

d. IFC Report +

Daphne DeLeon apprised the Board of IFC updates covering fiscal year 2023 as well as the status and balances for the Morgan Stanley investment account.

e. NAGPRA Report +

No action taken.

13. Chair's Report

a. Recognition of the passing of Former Lt. Governor Dr. Lonnie Hammargren

Chair Timmons expressed appreciation for Lt. Governor Dr. Lonnie Hammargren, as well as other Board members.

b. Committee Appointments (for possible action.)

Finance

Chair: Michelle Schmitter

Mercedes de la Garza

Mark Slaughter

Seth Schorr

Anthony Timmons

Membership

Chair: Mercedes de la Garza

Daniel Markoff

Janet Peterson

Michael "Bert" Bedeau

Nathan Harper

Museum Store

Chair: Janet Peterson

Nathan Harper

E'sha Hoferer

Seth Schorr

Daniel Markoff

Marketing and Technology

Chair: Seth Schorr

Michelle Schmitter

E'sha Hoferer

Mark Slaughter

Courtney Mooney

East Ely Depot

Chair: Courtney Mooney

Anthony Timmons

Michael "Bert" Bedeau

Daniel Markoff

Janet Peterson

Community Advisory Committee

Chair: Anthony Timmons

Mitch Cohen - Nevada Preservation Association Board Member

Joe Kent - National Atomic Testing Museum Director of Curation and Exhibits

Adrienne Rowljnd - Chair of the AZA, Board of Directors and Director of Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay

+Additional 2-3 Northern Nevada members

Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP) Anthony Timmons

OPEN

c. Board Name Badges (for possible action.)

Discussion between members on replicating name badges similar to those of the Directors to better represent the Board when engaging on Board matters. Administrator Freedman confirmed the cost would be nominal and paid for out of a Division of Museums and History budget. Member Markoff moved to accept as presented. Member Petersen seconded. Motion carried without dissent, with the Chair voting in favor.

d. Meeting with Ely Mayor Nathan Robertson

Discussion was tabled pending further Ely, NV updates.

e. Bob Stoldal Honorary Lifetime Membership (for possible action.)

Member Petersen commended Mr. Stoldahl on his expertise and commitment through the years. Member Markoff stated he has known Mr. Stoldahl for many, many years and commends him for his years of work, his insights and contributions to the State of Nevada. Member Bedeau shared an anecdote highlighting Mr. Stoldahl's level of knowledge and as a true champion of cultural and historical resources in Nevada.

There was also a suggestion for a lifetime membership for former Board member, Dan Ostrovsky. Discussion of an Ostrovsky lifetime membership is to be on a future Board agenda.

Member Markoff moved to accept as presented. Member Petersen seconded. Motion carried without dissent, with the Chair voting in favor.

f. Board Professional Development Fund (for possible action.)

Tabled; this is a work in progress.

14. Standing Committees

a. Finance Committee (Chair TBD) (for possible action.)

Member Schmitter updated the Board and note Administrator Freedman's memo for sweep into international money market account.

a. Update from Morgan Stanley. Memo in packet. +

The memo cites "international", but should read "institutional".

b. Marketing and Technology, Seth Schorr, Chair (for possible action.)

Tabled, pending Member Schorr's update.

c. Membership Committee: Mercedes de la Garza, Chair.

a. Recommended policy revisions and budget request for card implementation (for possible action) +

Member Courtney Mooney will Chair the Membership Committee. Member Petersen expressed concern over the cost of membership cards. Mr. Brant informed that the largest costs are the printer and printing costs, not the physical cards. There was discussion on marketing opportunities with the added support from the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs.

Member de la Garza moved to revise the price of a sustaining membership from \$250.00 to \$125.00 and for the senior discount to be a flat \$20.00 off each category and for all levels of pricing to go into effect when the online store goes live. Member Petersen seconded. Motion carried without dissent, with the Chair voting in favor.

Member Petersen moved to expend \$12,867.00 out of Category 48 funds, from the Nevada Historical Society, Nevada State Museum Carson City, Lost City Museum and Nevada State Museum Las Vegas to cover the costs of producing new membership cards. Member de la Garza seconded. Motion carried 7-1, with a majority of members voting in favor, including the Chair.

- d. Museum Store Standing: Museum Store, Jan Peterson, Chair (for possible action.)
 - a. Online Museum Store Report, Tracey Sprague, Daphne Deleon (for possible action) +
- e. East Ely Depot Museum (Chair TBD)

Member Bedeau inquired about the records/vault and Chair Timmons noted it was previously addressed by Member Markoff. Administrator Freedman informs the Board that a subsequent email will provide status updates as available, pending other state agencies.

15. Consent Agenda. All items, a-g, for possible action. Items may be combined for single vote. Board members may pull any item for discussion and/or separate vote.

Member Markoff moved to take items 15a-15i as consent agenda and approve as presented. Member Petersen seconded. Motion carried without dissent, with the Chair voting in favor.

Items:

- a. restricted \$500 to NHS from AAUW to NHS +
- b. restricted \$1,000 to NHS from William and Miles Minerals +
- c. restricted \$400 to NSMCC from Friends of the NSM +
- d. restricted \$7,466 to NSMCC from Nauman Foundation +
- e. restricted \$100 to NSMCC from Phyllis Stewart +
- f. restricted \$750 to NSMLV from Mansour +
- g. restricted \$1,500 to NSMLV from NV State Bank +
- h. restricted \$150 to NSM from Purpose Driven Tours +
- i. unrestricted \$50 to NSM from Cynthia Allison +

16. Q4 Museum Reports (April – June, 2023)

a. Ely Railroad Depot Museum +

b. Lost City Museum Report +

- a. Deaccession report: follow up from previous meeting

c. Nevada State Museum in Carson City +

- a. BLM Cooperative Agreement (for possible action) +

Member Petersen moved to accept as presented. Member Bedeau seconded. Motion carried without dissent, with the Chair voting in favor.

- b. BLM NAGPRA Conference Travel Request (for possible action) +

Member Bedeau moved to accept as presented. Member Harper seconded. Motion carried without dissent, with the Chair voting in favor.

- c. BLM Great Basin Conference Travel Request (for possible action) +

Member Bedeau moved to accept as presented. Member Markoff seconded. Motion carried without dissent, with the Chair voting in favor.

d. Custom Manufacturing Contract approval (for possible action) +
Administrator Freedman clarified that this contract is part of the special projects addressed in previous Board meetings. Member de la Garza moved to approve as presented. Members Mooney, Petersen and Schmitter seconded. Motion carried without dissent, with the Chair voting in favor.

d. Nevada State Museum in Las Vegas Report +
Director Gillespie notes increased bus tours – 4,003 students for field trips in the first month of school, which is a large increase over recent years. The Museum is working more in conjunction with The Springs for field trips. The Museum is also partnering with various community organizations for opportunities (e.g. Juneteenth).

e. Nevada Historical Society Report +

f. Nevada State Railroad Museum in Boulder City +

g. Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City +

17. Private funds budget adjustments-Current year (for possible action.)

Administrator Freedman apprised the Board of adjustments within his purview.

a. Changes approved by the Division Administrator: Structural engineer fee to test LCM floor load limit, \$2,000, expended out of BA#5038 CAT 48.

b. Changes requested from the Board over \$5,000.

Administrator Freedman stated there were no changes.

18. Board member comment on non-agendized items (discussion only).

19. Future museum board agenda items (discussion only.) Recommendations by Board members regarding topics for future agenda items for the Board can be made under this agenda item. Discussion on proposals for future Board items shall be limited to whether such proposed items are within the purview of the Board. No discussion regarding the substance of any proposed agenda item shall occur.

Chair Timmons confirmed the request for a lifetime membership for former Board member, Dan Ostrovsky. Member Markoff requests discussion on getting a restoration report for the Palisade car.

20. Public Comment Announcement. Board Chair. (For information only.)

Harry Ward

21. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Timmons adjourned the meeting.

The public may acquire this notice and agenda and supporting materials, pursuant to NRS 241.020(2) by contacting Mike Malone, Administrative Assistant III, Division of Museums and History, (775) 687-7340 ext. 301, or via email to mpmalone@nevadaculture.org. Supporting documents are available from the Nevada Division of Museums and History at 412 E. Musser Street, Suite # 2 Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701.