

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & AGENDA
Board of Museums and History
Friday, March 7, 2025, at 9:00 AM

The meeting was held online via MS Teams, and at:
Nevada State Museum, Carson City
600 N. Carson St.
Carson City, NV 89701

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Timmons, Chair
Mercedes de la Garza, Vice Chair
Bert Bedeau
Rochanne Downs
Nathan Harper
Daniel Markoff
Dora Martinez
Jan Petersen
Michelle Schmitter
Mark Slaughter
Lou Ann Speulda-Drews

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Seth Schorr

STAFF ATTENDANCE

Brenda Scolari, Director, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs
Mary Ellen Kawchack, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs
Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General, Nevada Office of the Attorney General
Daniel Thielen, Administrator, Nevada Division of Museums & History
Nate Hanson, Administrative Services Officer, Nevada Division of Museums & History
Francine Burge, Marketing & Communications Manager, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs
Ron Webster, Chief Technology Officer, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs
Josh Bonde, Director, Nevada State Museum, Carson City
Hollis J. Gillespie, Director, Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas
Christopher MacMahon, Director, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City
Daphne DeLeon, Director, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City
Sean Pitts, Director, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Ely
Tracey Sprague, Director, Lost City Museum
Sherylyn Hayes-Zorn, Curator of History, Nevada Historical Society
Kristina Hornback, Curator of Education, Nevada Historical Society
Kelly Brant, Coin Press & Membership Programs Manager, Nevada State Museum, Carson City
Michael Malone, Administrative Assistant, Nevada Division of Museums & History

ATTENDEES

Chad Stephens, Deputy Director, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Robin Reed, Acting Administrator / Deputy, Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
Jean-Guy Dubé, National & State Register of Historic Places Coordinator, SHPO
Cliff Creger, Chief of Culture, Nevada Department of Transportation

Bill Barbe, President, Friends of the Southern Nevada Railway
Jon Horn
Eric Newcombe
Robert Chattel
Mariah Mena
August Phillips
Franz Scaramelli
Shelley Smith

1. Call the meeting to order. Chair of the Nevada Board of Museums & History.
Board Chair Anthony Timmons requested the recording of the meeting be started. AA Michael Malone started the recording.
2. Call for the start of the recording of the meeting. Board Chair and staff.
Chair Timmons called the meeting to order.
3. Call for confirmation the meeting was properly posted. Board Chair and staff.
Chair Timmons asked if the meeting was properly posted. AA Malone confirmed the meeting was posted in accordance with open meeting law and apprised the Board that agenda item 15a1 should have been included with the consent agenda as item "13o".
4. Call for the roll call of the Board and determination of quorum. Board Chair and staff.
AA Malone took roll and a quorum was confirmed.
5. Public comment announcement. Board Chair.
No public comment was given.
6. Acceptance of Minutes. Board Chair and Staff (All items for possible action.)
 - a. DEC 5, 2024 Board of Museums & History Meeting +
Member Downs moved to approve the minutes; Member Petersen seconded. Motion passed with the majority of members present, including the chair.
 - b. JAN 13, 2025 Board of Museums & History, Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting +
Member Downs moved to approve the minutes; Member Petersen seconded. Motion passed with the majority of members present, including the chair.
 - c. JAN 17, 2025 Board of Museums & History Special Meeting +
Member Petersen moved to approve the minutes; Vice Chair de la Garza seconded. Motion passed with the majority of members present, including the chair.
 - d. FEB 5, 2025 Board of Museums & History, East Ely Depot Committee Meeting +
Member Bedeau moved to approve the minutes; Member Petersen seconded. Motion passed with the majority of members present, including the chair.
 - e. FEB 25, 2025 Board of Museums & History, Finance Committee Meeting +
Member Schmitter provided a correction to the minutes for the Finance Committee Meeting of February 25th; the intent of the meeting was to review the endowment resolution. Member Downs also noted the minutes lacked the attendance. Vice Chair de la Garza moved to approve the minutes with the two suggested edits by members Schmitter and Downs; Member Speulda-Drews seconded. Motion passed with the majority of members present, including the chair.

7. Board announcements and meeting dates. (All items for possible action.)
 - a. 2025 Board Meeting Dates
 - June 5-6 (THU-FRI) – Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas
 - September 11 (THU) – Nevada State Railroad Museum, Ely
 - December 5 (FRI) – Lost City Museum, Overton

8. Nevada Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs. Brenda Scolari, Director. (Informational)
 - a. Department Update. Brenda Scolari.
 - b. Marketing and Communications Report. Francine Burge, Marketing & Communications Manager.

9. Administrator’s Report. Daniel P. Thielen, Administrator. (Informational)
 - a. General Report
 - b. Capital Improvement Update
 - c. 2025 Legislature Update: SB27; SB78; AB115
 - d. Language Access Plan
 - e. East Ely
 - f. NAGPRA

10. Nevada State Historic Preservation Office. Robin K. Reed, Acting Administrator / Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer. (All items for possible action unless otherwise noted.)
 - a. Staff Report +
 - b. National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF): Historic Places Associated w/Latinos in Nevada, 1864-2000, Clark County +

Member Bedeau recapped his submitted comments citing several reasons why the nomination should be rejected, being too broad in scope among them. Member Speulda-Drews added additional reasons in opposition to the nomination as written. Member Schmitter also submitted comments in opposition to the nomination. Member Downs addressed concerns about the nomination being too broad and suggested the nomination could be revisited regardless of the Board’s present concerns. Member Bedeau clarified that components of the nomination could still be of value, as Member Downs noted. Member Petersen cited reasons for being in opposition to the nomination as written.

Member Bedeau moved to reject the nomination and encourage Latino related nominations, either in the multiple property format with sharper clarifications, or with individual nominations; Member Markoff seconded. Motion passed with the majority of members present, including the chair.
 - c. National Register of Historic Places nomination: Culinary Union Local 226 Headquarters Building NRHP, Las Vegas, Clark County +

Member Bedeau moved to uncouple the nomination from the previously rejected MPDF (item 10b) and revise to the period of 1974 to 1990, in the areas of significance for both general labor history as well as Latino history; Member Speulda-Drews seconded. Member Speulda-Drews clarified that the nomination is only eligible under Criterion A. Motion passed with the majority of members present, including the chair.
 - d. National Register of Historic Places nomination: Branch No. 1, Las Vegas Grammar School / Westside School, Las Vegas, Clark County, NRIS 79001460 (Amendment) +

Member Speulda-Drews moved to approve and move forward the nomination; Member Schmitter seconded. Motion passed with the majority of members present, including the chair.
 - e. National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF): Old Spanish Trail (MPDF) +

Member Bedeau shared high praise for the thorough work provided by the Colorado SHPO and moved to approve and move forward the nomination; Members Slaughter, Markoff and Vice Chair de la Garza seconded. Motion passed with the majority of members present, including the chair.

11. Chair's Report. Anthony Timmons, Board Chair. (All items for possible action unless otherwise noted.)
 - a. SB 78 Update
 - b. East Ely Litigation Update
 - c. National Register Review Process
 - d. Restricted Funds Financial Review
 - e. Endowment Update

12. Board Committee Updates (All items for possible action.)
 - a. Finance Committee (Chair: Michelle Schmitter)
 1. Endowment Update
 2. Funding the Endowment
 - b. Legislative Affairs Committee (Chair: Mark Slaughter)
 - c. East Ely Depot Committee (Chair: Anthony Timmons)
 1. 2025 meeting dates: May 7, August 6, November 5
 - d. Buildings & Grounds Committee (Chair: Bert Bedeau)
 - e. Museum Store Committee (Chair: Jan Petersen)
 - f. Marketing & Technology Committee (Chair: Seth Schorr)
 - g. Membership Committee (Chair: Mercedes de la Garza)

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

- a. Restricted donation \$240 to NSMCC from Lake Tahoe Historical Society +
- b. Restricted donation \$50 to NSMCC from Battle Born Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution +
- c. Restricted donation \$200 to NSMCC from John Svahn +
- d. Restricted donation \$1,000 to NSMCC from Visit Carson City +
- e. Restricted donation \$15,970 to NSMCC from the 2025 Annual Appeal drive +
- f. Restricted donation \$10,000 to NSMCC from Richard Perry +
- g. Restricted donation \$1,000 to NSMCC from the Clark J. Guild, Jr. Charitable Foundation +
- h. Unrestricted donation \$1,200 to NSRMCC from Philip E. Bender +
- i. Unrestricted donation \$1,000 to NSRMBC from Ronald Carroll +
- j. Lost City Museum, Request for increase of admissions +
- k. NSRMCC Fee Schedule FY26 +
- l. Friends of the Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City MOU +
- m. Friends of the Nevada Southern Railway (NSRMBC) MOU +
- n. NSRMBC Request for RPO 2319 Feasibility Study +
- o. Timber Heritage Travel Request (NSRMBC) +

Chair Timmons moved to pull items 13j-13o [see Item 3] from consent agenda to review individually; Member Markoff seconded. Motion did not pass, with the majority of members voting against, the chair voting in favor, and member Markoff abstained. Member Downs moved to approve consent agenda items 13a-13o; Member Petersen seconded. Motion passed with the majority of members present; the chair opposed; member Markoff abstained.

14. Museum Reports (All items for possible action unless otherwise noted.)
 - a. Nevada State Museum, Carson City +
 - b. Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas +
 - c. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City +
 - d. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Ely +
 - e. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City +
 - f. Lost City Museum +
 - g. Nevada Historical Society +
15. Private funds budget adjustments – current year. (For possible action.)
 - a. Changes approved by the Division Administrator
 1. NSMLV Stale Claim: BA 5039 [*See Item 3: 15a1 was moved to consent agenda*]
 - b. Changes requested from the Board over \$5,000
16. Board member comments on non-agendized items. (Discussion only.)
17. Future 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.

*Member Bedeau requested the Open Meeting Law training DAG Ward has provided to Boards.
Member Harper asked for an overview of the grants received across the Division (IMLS, humanities grants, federal humanities grants, NSF grants, etc.)*

18. Public Comment Announcement.
No public comment was given.

19. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Timmons adjourned the meeting.

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