

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & AGENDA
Board of Museums and History

Friday, September 11, 2026, at 9:00 AM

Meeting Location

The meeting will be held via TEAMS conference, accessible via electronic devices connected to the internet with listening and microphone capabilities. Video camera capability will also allow users to watch others in the meeting who are also using a video camera. The in-person option will be held starting at 9AM, September 11th, 2026:

Nevada State Museum, Carson City
600 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701

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1. Call the meeting to order. Chair of the Nevada Board of Museums & History.
2. Call for the start of the recording of the meeting. Board Chair and staff.
3. Call for confirmation the meeting was properly posted. Board Chair and staff.
4. Call for the roll call of the Board and determination of quorum. Board Chair and staff.

5. Public comment announcement. Board Chair.

Public comment on both agenda and non-agenda items is welcomed by the Board. There are three periods of public comment during a meeting of the Nevada Board of Museums and History, at the beginning of meeting, at the end of meeting, and after discussion of each action item on the agenda, but before voting on the item. No action can be taken during the public comment period.

Because of time considerations, the period for public comment may be limited to 3 minutes at the discretion of the chair, and speakers are urged to avoid repetition of comments made by previous speakers. Speakers, including Board members, must identify themselves before speaking.

Public comment options may include, without limitation, written public comment submitted to this public body via mail or email.

6. Acceptance of Minutes. Board Chair and Staff (All items for possible action.)
 - a. June 12, 2026 Board of Museums & History Quarterly Meeting+
 - b. August 13, 2026 Board of Museums & History, Marketing & Technology Committee Meeting+
 - c. August 27, 2026 Board of Museums & History, Finance Committee Meeting+
7. Board announcements and meeting dates. (All items for possible action.)
 - a. 2026 Board Meeting Dates
 1. December 4, 2026 (FRI) – Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City
8. Nevada Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs (DTCA). Brenda Scolari, Director. (Informational)
 - a. Department Update. Brenda Scolari.
 - b. Marketing and Communications Report. Mary Ellen Kawchack, Chief Deputy Director, DTCA.+
9. Consent agenda. All items, a-d, for possible action. Items may be combined for a single vote. Board members may pull any item for discussion and/or separate vote. (All items for possible action unless otherwise noted.)
 - a. Restricted donation \$1,000 to Nevada Historical Society from Trails West Incorporated+
 - b. Restricted donation \$20,000 to NSMCC from the John & Grace Nauman Foundation+
 - c. Restricted donation \$250 to NSMCC from Fidelity Charitable+
 - d. Fee Schedule Amendment Request, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City+
10. Administrator's Report. Daniel P. Thielen, Administrator. (All items for possible action unless otherwise noted.)
 - a. General Report
 - b. NAGPRA
11. Nevada State Historic Preservation Office. Art Krupicz, Administrator / State Historic Preservation Officer. (All items for possible action unless otherwise noted.)
 - a. Staff Report +
 - b. State Register of Historic Places nomination: Miners' Union Hall, Virginia City, Storey County, Nevada +
12. Chair's Report. Board Chair. (All items for possible action unless otherwise noted.)
 - a. General Report
 - b. William K. Rowley Contract, Nevada Historical Society+
13. Board Committee Updates (All items for possible action.)
 - a. Finance Committee (Chair: Michelle Schmitter)
 1. Endowment Resolution+
 - b. Marketing & Technology Committee (Chair: Seth Schorr)
 - c. Museum Store Committee (Chair: Jan Petersen)
 - d. Buildings & Grounds Committee (Chair: Bert Bedeau)

14. Museum Reports (All items for possible action unless otherwise noted.)
 - a. Nevada State Museum, Carson City +
 - b. Nevada Historical Society +
 - c. Lost City Museum +
 - d. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City +
 - e. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Ely +
 - f. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City +
 - g. Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas +
15. Private funds budget adjustments – current year. (For possible action.)
 - a. Changes approved by the Division Administrator
 1. Western Museums Association Membership Renewal, Increase of \$250 (BA 5034)+
 - b. Changes requested from the Board over \$5,000
 1. Request to make available \$100,000 from Lost City Museum to NV State Railroad Museum, Boulder City.+
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.
18. Public Comment Announcement.

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19. ADJOURNMENT

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NEVADA DIVISION OF MUSEUMS & HISTORY

412 E. Musser St., Suite 2, Carson Street, Carson City 89701

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Board of Museums and History

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

The meeting was held via TEAMS conference, and in-person Friday, June 12, 2026, 9:00 AM, at:
Nevada State Museum Las Vegas
309 S. Valley View Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89107

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jan Petersen, Vice Chair
Bert Bedeau
Rochanne Downs
Nathan Harper
Dan Markoff
Dora Martinez
Michelle Schmitter
Seth Schorr
Mark Slaughter
Lou Ann Speulda-Drews
Anthony Timmons

ATTENDEES:

Brenda Scolari, Director, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs
Mary Ellen Kawchack, Deputy Director, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs
Daniel Thielen, Administrator, Nevada Division of Museums & History
Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General
Brian Deem, Administrative Services Officer, Nevada Division of Museums & History
Jen Roger, Director, Nevada State Museum, Carson City
Christopher MacMahon, Director, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City
Sean Pitts, Director, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Ely
Hollis Gillespie, Director, Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas
Josef Diaz, Curator of History and Material Culture, Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas
Daphne DeLeon, Director, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City
Tracey Sprague, Director, Lost City Museum
Art Krupicz, Administrator, Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
Robin Reed, Deputy Administrator, SHPO
Jean-Guy Dube, National & State Register of Historic Places Coordinator, SHPO
Grace Goedeker, SHPO Programs Supervisor, Architectural Historian
Shaelin Spahle, Architectural Historian, SHPO
Kyle Shulz, Research Director, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs
Anna Camp, Anthropology Tribal Liaison/NAGPRA Coordinator, Nevada State Museum Carson City
Michael Malone, Administrative Assistant, Division of Museums & History
Andrew Dunnigan, Executive Director | Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley
Blair Davenport, Chair, Historic Preservation Commission, Boulder City
Nakeisha Lyon, City Planner, Boulder City
Courtney Mooney
Julia Marroquin

1. Call the meeting to order. Chair of the Nevada Board of Museums & History.
Acting Board Chair Jan Petersen called the meeting to order.
2. Call for the start of the recording of the meeting. Board Chair and staff.
Chair Petersen requested the recording of the meeting be started. AA Michael Malone started the recording.
3. Call for confirmation the meeting was properly posted. Board Chair and staff.
Chair Petersen asked if the meeting was properly posted. AA Malone confirmed the meeting was posted in accordance with open meeting law.
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. March 6, 2026, Meeting of the Board of Museums & History+
Member Slaughter moved to approve the March 6, 2026 minutes; Member Harper seconded. Motion carried with a majority of members present, including the chair.
 - b. April 21, 2026, Meeting of the Board of Museums & History Finance Committee+
Member Harper moved to approve the April 21, 2026 minutes; Member Slaughter seconded. Motion carried with a majority of members present, including the chair.
7. Board announcements and meeting dates. (All items for possible action.)
 - a. 2026 Board Meeting Dates
 1. September 11, 2026 (FRI) – Nevada State Museum, Carson City
 2. December 4, 2026 (FRI) – Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City
8. Nevada Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs (DTCA). Brenda Scolari, Director. (Informational)
 - a. Department Update. Brenda Scolari, Director.
Director Scolari updated members there would be a final America 250 commission meeting in June. In partnership with the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, Nevada will have a large presence on the National Mall highlighting Nevada's contributions to the country over the 4th of July holiday. Director Scolari previewed preparations for the 2027 legislative session and budget building, mindful of projected tourism revenue after recent declines in lodging tax revenue the last two years.
 - b. Marketing and Communications Report. Mary Ellen Kawchack, Chief Deputy Director, DTCA.
Chief Deputy Director Kawchack provided an update on the successful engagement from marketing outreach efforts across a variety of museum events and activities.

9. Consent agenda. All items, a-d, for possible action. Items may be combined for a single vote. Board members may pull any item for discussion and/or separate vote. (All items for possible action unless otherwise noted.)

- a. Restricted donation \$18,500 to the NHS from the Paul and Gwen Leonard Charitable Foundation at the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada+
- b. Restricted donation \$1,000 to the NSMCC from Cora Johnson+
- c. Restricted donation \$1,325 to the NSMCC from the Nevada Appeal drive+
- d. Nevada State Museum Las Vegas, Curation-Repository Fee Structure Request+

Member Bedeau moved to approve consent agenda items 9a-9d; Member Martinez seconded. Motion carried with a majority of members present, including the chair.

10. Administrator's Report. Daniel P. Thielen, Administrator. (All items for possible action unless otherwise noted.)

- a. General Report

Administrator Thielen presented an overview of the facility projects and financial data for the Division. During discussion on the update, Buildings & Grounds Committee Chair, member Bedeau, offered assistance to the division office for design support.

Administrator continued with details about the grand opening for the new Nevada State Railroad Museum Boulder City Visitor Center, due to take place on Saturday, September 19th.

- b. Personnel Updates

Administrator Thielen recognized the retirement of Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas, Director Hollis J. Gillespie. Administrator Thielen thanked Director Gillespie for her service and commitment toward preserving Nevada's significant history. Josef Diaz will be acting director until a new director is named. Administrator Thielen also recognized the retirement of Wes Southerland, from the Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas, and Chris DeWitt, from the Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City. Member Markoff shared an anecdote of his first encounters with Chris DeWitt, to refurbish the Eureka locomotive he owns. The anecdote highlighted the dedication and steadfastness Mr. DeWitt had toward completing the project as it should be, true to the original, without compromise. Mr. Markoff noted Mr. DeWitt's adherence to the highest possible standards was born out throughout his time in state service, with great appreciation.

- c. NAGPRA

Administrator Thielen let members know the agency received a letter from the Reno Sparks Indian Colony. Dr. Anna Camp, Curator of Anthropology/Tribal Liaison, Nevada State Museum, Carson City, provided members with an update on NAGPRA efforts. Member Downs acknowledged the challenges with resolving NAGPRA concerns, and that some have persisted since before the current agency staff were involved. Member Downs inquired about museum holdings and compliance to the important state and federal requirements. Dr. Camp, Director Catherine Magee, and Director Sprague, confirmed their museums are in compliance with their NAGPRA efforts and holdings.

11. Nevada State Historic Preservation Office. Art Krupicz, Administrator / State Historic Preservation Officer. (All items for possible action unless otherwise noted.)

- a. Staff Report +
- b. National Register of Historic Places nomination: Boulder City Navy Hangar, Boulder City, Clark County, Nevada +

Member Markoff moved to approve the Boulder City Navy Hangar nomination; Member Bedeau seconded. Motion carried with a majority of members present, including the chair.

12. Chair's Report. Board Chair. (All items for possible action unless otherwise noted.)

- a. General Report
- b. Update on member renewals/appointments.

Chair Petersen noted the process for a change in the CCCHP representative, with member Schmitter resigning, and member Speulda-Drews assuming the position with the CCCHP, acknowledged on the record. Member Speulda-Drews confirmed she had initiated the requisite paperwork with the state. AA Malone shared that member Slaughter's term would end July 31, 2026, and member Martinez' term ends September 30, 2026. Both are eligible to apply for reappointment.

13. Board Committee Updates (All items for possible action.)

- a. Finance Committee (Chair: Michelle Schmitter)

- 1. FY27 Budget Requests +

Administrative Services Officer Deem noted a typo on the Nevada Historical budget request to be noted in a subsequent posting. Member Schmitter moved to approve the FY27 Budget Requests; Member Harper seconded. Motion carried with a majority of members present, including the chair.

- 2. Endowment Update

- 3. Morgan Stanley Account Update

Andrew Dunnigan, Executive Director and Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley, provided members with an account overview earlier in the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

- b. Buildings & Grounds Committee (Chair: Bert Bedeau)

- c. Museum Store Committee (Chair: Jan Petersen)

Director Sprague updated members on the testing of a new POS system and the need to ensure ADA accessibility for all facets.

- d. Marketing & Technology Committee (Chair: Seth Schorr)

Chair Schorr shared some tools from the private sector that might assist museum staff. Deputy Director M.E. Kawchack suggested collaboration via a committee meeting.

14. Museum Reports (All items for possible action unless otherwise noted.)

- a. Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas +
- b. Nevada Historical Society +
- c. Lost City Museum +
- d. Nevada State Museum, Carson City +
- e. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Ely +
- f. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City +

- 1. MOU Request+

Member Slaughter moved to approve agenda item 14f1; Member Markoff seconded. Motion carried with a majority of members present, including the chair.

- g. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City +

15. Private funds budget adjustments – current year. (For possible action.)

- a. Changes approved by the Division Administrator
- b. Changes requested from the Board over \$5,000

Administrator Thielen stated no reporting is needed since last meeting.

16. Board member comments on non-agendized items. (Discussion only.)

Member Harper suggested a division-wide calendar to review all museum events in one location.

Chair Petersen confirmed with Dr. MacMahon the Nevada State Railroad, Boulder City, grand opening event will be on September 19th, at 9AM.

17. Future Board agenda items (Discussion only).

18. Public Comment Announcement.

Board members, agency staff, associated attendees, and colleagues, all expressed gratitude to Hollis J. Gilleppe, for her many contributions to the state and museum system, with sincere and significant gratitude.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chair Jan Petersen adjourned the meeting.

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Board of Museums and History
Marketing & Technology Committee Meeting
Summary of Minutes

The meeting was held via TEAMS conference
Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 9:00 AM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Seth Schorr, Chair
Mercedes de la Garza
Dora Martinez
Mark Slaughter

ATTENDEES:

Brenda Scolari, Director, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs
Mary Ellen Kawchack, Deputy Director, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs
Daniel Thielen, Administrator, Nevada Division of Museums & History
Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General
Brian Deem, Administrative Services Officer, Nevada Division of Museums & History
Christopher MacMahon, Director, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City
Tracey Sprague, Director, Lost City Museum
Kyle Shulz, Research Director, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs
Mike Malone, Administrative Assistant, Nevada Division of Museums & History
Kyle Bryce, Estipona Group
Ali Laffer, Estipona Group

1. Call the meeting to order. Committee Chair.
Chair Schorr called the meeting to order.
2. Call for the start of the recording of the meeting. Committee Chair.
Chair Schorr called for the recording to begin. AA Malone initiated the recording.
3. Call for confirmation the meeting was properly posted. Committee Chair and staff.
Chair Schorr called for confirmation the meeting was properly posted. AA Malone confirmed the meeting was posted in accordance with open meeting law.
4. Call for the roll call of the Board and determination of quorum. Committee Chair and staff.
AA Malone took role and a quorum was confirmed.
5. Public comment announcement. Committee Chair.
No public comment was given.
6. Review social media strategy and content for each museum (For possible action.)
M.E. Kawchack, DTCA Deputy Director, provided an overview of the marketing and social media structure, and the data points captured to measure effectiveness. Additional insights were provided by Director MacMahon, NV State Railroad Museum, Boulder City, and Director Sprague, Lost City Museum.
7. Review Ai options to supplement content and post scheduling. (For possible action.)
Chair Schorr provided examples of how Ai platforms are effective tools in the private sector, citing several examples and platforms in the marketplace, and suggesting ways in which the tool might be applied to assist museums with marketing initiatives, especially for museums with limited staff and capacity.

8. Discuss museum's wish list for future marketing and technology initiatives. (For possible action.)
DTCA Director, Brenda Scolari, and Deputy Director Kawchack, provided suggestions for ongoing collaboration in support of museum, division, and department marketing initiatives. Administrator Thielen, Director MacMahon, and Director Sprague provided insights into the POS system capabilities, progress and data insights.
9. Public Comment.
No public comment was given.
10. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Schorr adjourned the meeting.

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Board of Museums and History
Finance Committee Meeting
Summary of Minutes

Tuesday, August 27, 2026, at 8:30 AM

The meeting was held via TEAMS conference, accessible via electronic devices connected to the internet with listening and microphone capabilities.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michelle Schmitter, Chair
Mercedes de la Garza
Mark Slaughter
Anthony Timmons

ATTENDEES:

Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General
Brian Deem, Administrative Services Officer, Nevada Division of Museums & History
Mike Malone, Administrative Assistant, Nevada Division of Museums & History

1. Call the meeting to order. Committee Chair.
Chair Schmitter called the meeting to order.
2. Call for the start of the recording of the meeting. Committee Chair.
Chair Schmitter called for the recording to begin. AA Malone initiated the recording.
3. Call for confirmation the meeting was properly posted. Committee Chair and staff.
Chair Schmitter called for confirmation the meeting was properly posted. AA Malone confirmed the meeting was posted in accordance with open meeting law.
4. Call for the roll call of the Board and determination of quorum. Committee Chair and staff.
AA Malone took role and a quorum was confirmed.
5. Public comment announcement. Board Chair.
No public comment was given.
6. Endowment Resolution. (For discussion and possible action.)
Chair Schmitter provided a recap of discussions pertaining to establishing an endowment. A motion to recommend the establishment of an endowment to the full board in the September 11, 2026, meeting was made by member Timmons. Members Slaughter and de la Garza seconded. The motion passed with all those present voting in favor, including the chair.
7. History of Morgan Stanley Funds. (For discussion.)
Chair Schmitter updated the committee on the history of the Morgan Stanley accounts, with current figures as of the end of June. Chair shared that her discussions with Morgan Stanley confirm the account listings will allow for detailed breakouts of various funding streams in order to easily account for any specific funds.
8. Movement of Interest Earning from MS into Endowment Account. (For discussion and possible action.)
Brian Deem, ASO, Division of Museums & History, provided information pertaining to the procedures needed to move funds within the state system(s). Member Timmons provided a clarification of the various terminologies being used to ensure accuracy and consistency with the tracking and reporting of funds.

9. Public Comment Announcement.

No public comment was given.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Schmitter adjourned the meeting.

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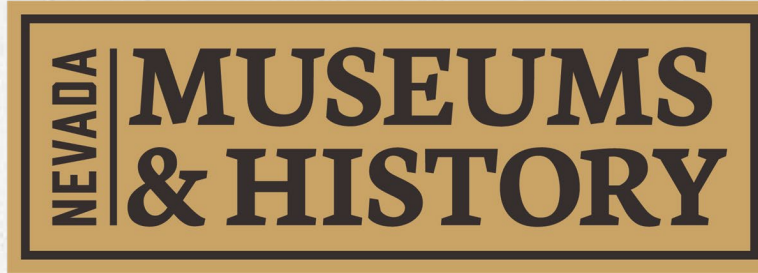
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MARKETING REPORT

FY26 Q4 | April - June

Presented by M.E. Kawchack, Dept. of Tourism & Cultural Affairs

EMAIL INITIATIVES

Email Performance Growth & Optimization

	DMH w/ NSM LV Focus (April)	DMH w/ NSRMBC Feature (May)
Open Rate	41.36%	42.69%
Click Rate	3.68%	3.06%
Read Rate	23.5%	23.47%



One Amazing State, Seven Must-See Museums

Featuring: Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas

Two Million Untold Stories

The Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas, has been sharing its story through curated exhibits and displays for over 100 years. Through the complex story, millions of unprocessed photographs and documents are a fragment of Nevada's past.

When Cassidy Whetstone stepped into the Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas, and Photographs in 2024, she received a treasure trove of what is available to the public. The museum's collection of over 10 million photographs spanning from the 1800s to the present is a digitization project—led by Cassidy Whetstone—where over 10 million images had been catalogued. Over the past year, the number has grown to more than 15,000—a 20% increase—expanded, supported by a group of volunteers.

The Archive: Recent Finds



Margaret Welch teaching in a classroom at Mesquite Elementary School - 1928. Photos pertaining to Westside fill a significant portion of the collection.



Upcoming Events



9th Island Celebration

May 2 | 11am–3pm

Las Vegas is known as the "9th Island," an endearing nickname referencing the city's popularity with Hawaiians, whose cultural influence is an important part of the city's story and identity. Whether you have island roots or are simply curious, bring your 'ohana and join us for cultural performances, crafts, and learning. [More details.](#)



Common Threads: The Redemption of Julia Bulette

May 21 | 4pm

On a cold night in 1867, Virginia City prostitute Julia Bulette was strangled in her bed. Her accused killer was swiftly caught and hanged—the case closed. More than 150 years later, uncover what may have been overlooked.

Our Common Threads Lecture Series features a 45-minute lecture, interactive Q&A, and relaxed time to mingle and discuss over complimentary water, soft drinks, and wine for learners 21 and over. [More details.](#)



The Lives of Chinese Laborers on the Transcontinental Railroad

By Christopher MacMahon, Ph.D. | Museum Director, Nevada State Museum, Boulder City

The Transcontinental Railroad was a monumental feat of engineering that transformed the West. It was a great engineering feat that brought the nation closer together, opening up new opportunities for goods and people. The journey was long and often difficult, yet we often neglect the lives of the Chinese laborers who built the railroad—Nevada's first railroad. These immigrants, and thanks to their hard work, lives during construction.

"The Chinese are swarming over the state," the Daily Alta California reported in 1868, commencing sending them to work on the railroad. The paper went on to estimate that by 1869, soon be at work tunneling the national highway" through the railroad, and all those who had been there for some time.

Two New Exhibits

A Century of Lost City

Lost City Museum

Celebrate 100 years of history at the Lost City Museum! Through photos and artifacts, learn about the Lost City Pageants of 1925 and 1926, which captured public curiosity and helped inspire the creation of the museum in 1935. [More details.](#)



Upcoming Events



National Showgirl Day Proclamation

Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas
May 21 | 9:30am

The National Day Archives has officially designated May 24 as National Showgirl Day, honoring the rich legacy and cultural impact of the iconic Las Vegas showgirl. On May 21, visit the Museum to see curated costume displays and vintage costumes on display.

Emmy Award-winning choreographer, producer, and director Anita Mann will present the official proclamation. The framed proclamation will be permanently displayed at [the Museum.](#)

Riveting America

Nevada State Museum, Carson City

Who knew something so small could carry so much variety of riveted everyday objects—garments, tools, and more. America explores the resilience and creativity of workers who helped shape American industry. [More details.](#)





Pollinator Palooza

Nevada State Museum, Carson City
June 13 | 8:30am–2pm

Soak up the sun at Pollinator Palooza, perfect for families and curious kiddos of all ages! Enjoy local vendors and food trucks, while bee-ing immersed in the world of pollinators through fun, hands-on activities and crafts. [More details.](#)

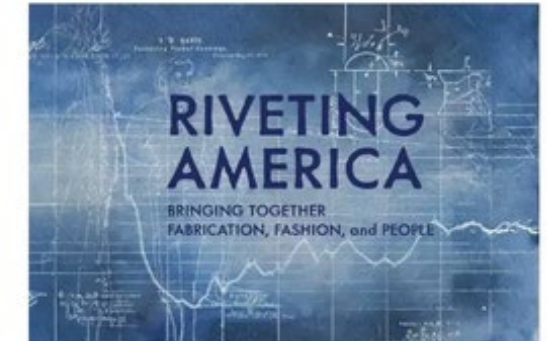


Free Nevada History Programs - On the Go This July!

Every Saturday in July

The Nevada Historical Society has a packed summer

Join us for an exhibit grand opening
May 14 | 6:30–8pm



Who knew something so small could carry so much
of a nation's story?

Join us for the [grand opening of Riveting America](#), and discover unexpected Nevada stories embedded in material culture. Through a variety of riveted everyday objects—garments, tools, and artifacts—the exhibit explores the resilience and creativity of working people who built Nevada and helped shape American industry.

One featured display explores the origins of rivets in denim. In 1870, Reno tailor Jacob Davis strengthened a customer's work pants with copper rivets originally used on horse blankets. Partnering with San Francisco dry goods merchant Levi Strauss, Davis patented the design in 1873, forever changing workwear and fashion around the world.

The grand opening features special guest speaker Tracey Panek, Historian and Director of Archives for Levi Strauss & Co. Panek oversees the company's world-renowned archives in San Francisco and is widely respected for preserving and sharing the history of one of America's most iconic garments. Her work connects vintage Levi's® pieces and archival discoveries to broader stories about labor, culture, and identity across generations.



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	NHS (April)	NSMCC (May)	NHS (June)
Open Rate	37.34%	31.22%	44.96%
Click Rate	4.81%	1.74%	1.78%
Read Rate	29.60%	30.50%	25.10%



Happy Spring, everyone!

I hope you have been enjoying this wide-ranging weather. I love this time of year, with the blossoming trees adding splashes of color around the UNR campus and having time to work in my yard. I spotted the mated pair of Canada geese a couple of weeks ago, grazing on the grass, walking through the parking lots, and sitting on our roof. Did you know that these birds' life spans can range from 10 to 24 years? Assuming it's the same pair, I believe that they must be around 15 years old, since I first saw them around NHS in 2011.

We have some exciting news to share! The NHS has been selected by the Reno Historical Resources Commission to receive a 2026 City of Reno Preservation Award for our Nevada Historical Society – On The GO! Program. The staff are honored by the recognition of our work to help preserve Reno and



Happy Summer, everyone!

I hope you have had the opportunity to attend our On The GO! programs, in person or virtually, this year. We are excited to welcome our facilities manager, David Isbell, who will start on Monday, June 8, 2026. We will make sure to have a write-up about him in next month's newsletter.

I have been busy working on many projects: scheduling programming for our On The GO! series, researching collections and stories for our 2028 Nevada's Gilded Age exhibition, and working on fleshing out Nevada historical topics to explore in our galleries and virtual stories within our STQRY app! As new content goes live with our App, we will include information in future newsletters, our website, and social media posts.

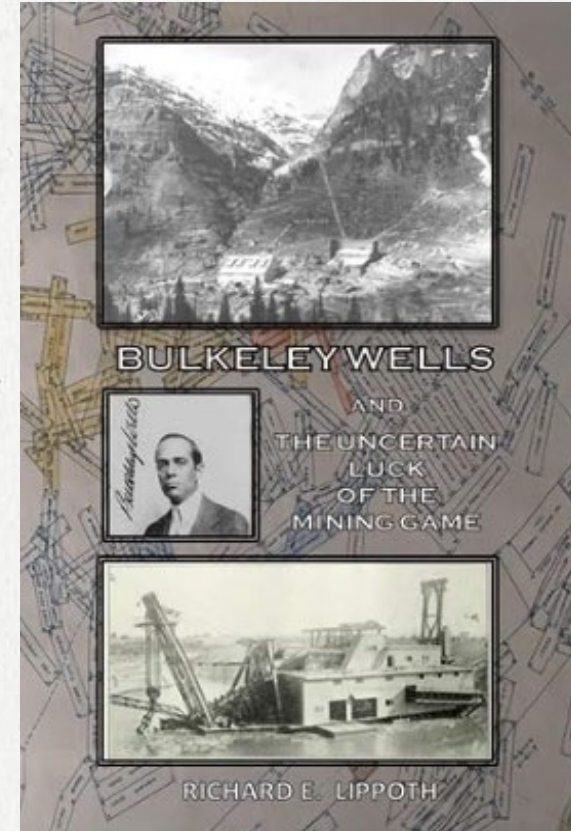
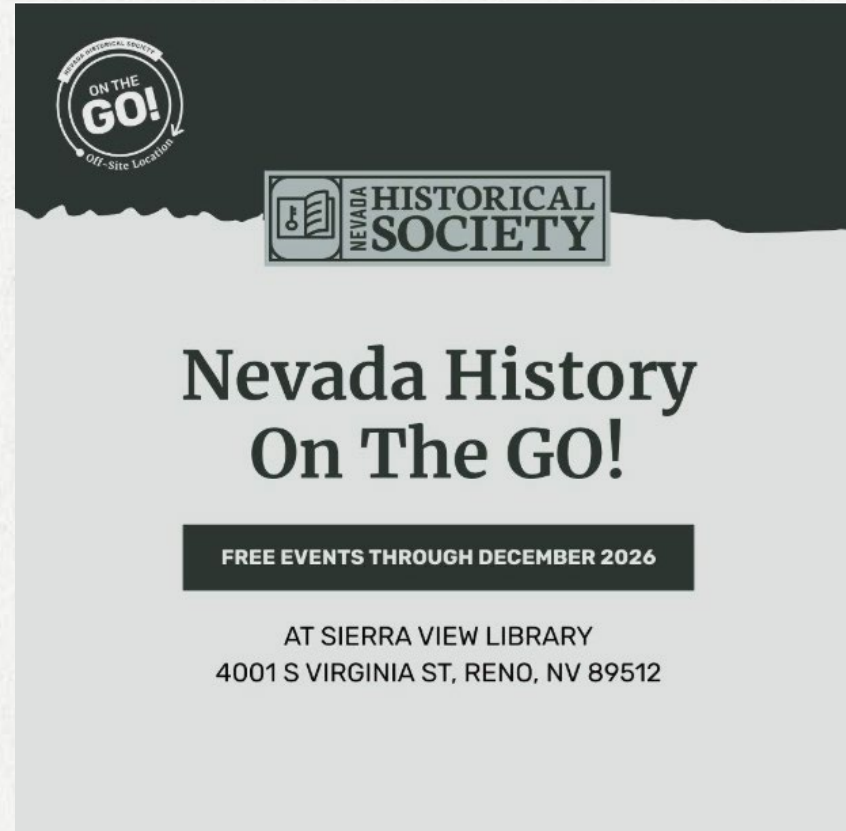
Catherine Magee, Museum Director, continues to be very busy with the day-to-day operations and management of our renovation project. Here is her message:

- As our flagship building remains closed for renovations, the NHS will continue our award-winning programs throughout our community!

MUSEUM INITIATIVES



- Marketing placements
 - On the Go! Meta advertising
 - Awareness/ Google advertising
 - Reno News & Review (digital and print)
- Marketing Metrics/ how the events performed
 - Impressions: 1,347,901
 - Reach: 105,899
 - Clicks: 29,166
 - Views (landing page): 16,180
- Number of attendees: 409 across 13 hosted events
- Number of community events: 7 (13,386 attendance)





Eggstravaganza

- Marketing placements
 - Meta advertising – 3 week run
- Marketing Metrics/ how the events performed
 - Impressions: 133,975
 - Event responses: 725
 - 2,361 views to landing page
- Tickets sold (March 17 - April 5)
 - 751 Eggstravaganza tickets sold in Q4
 - \$16.86K revenue from tickets sold

General awareness

- Marketing placements
 - Google Ad awareness advertising
- Marketing Metrics / how the events performed
 - Impressions: 1,327,191
 - Clicks: 29,716
 - Frequency: 10.1/user



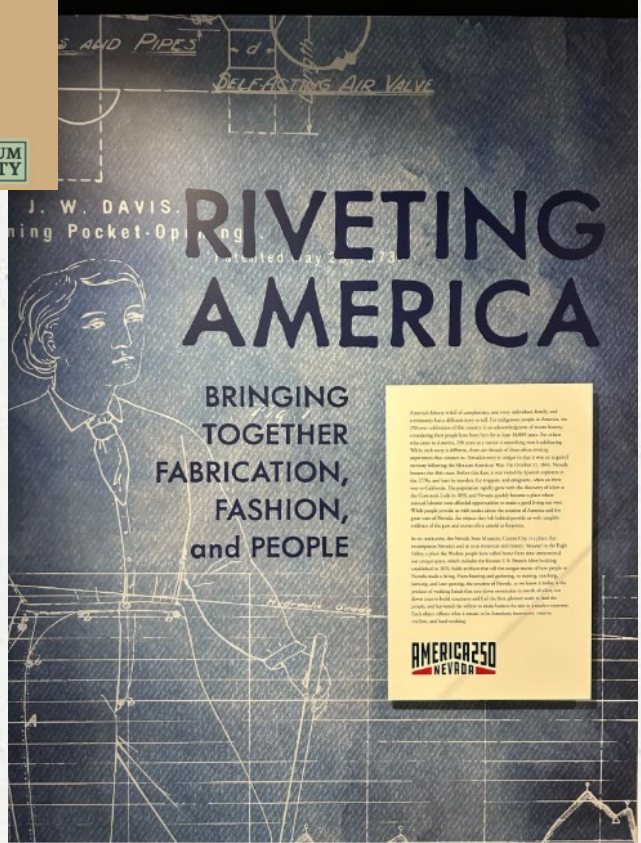


Mint Gala

- Marketing placements
 - Meta advertising from March 30 - May 2
 - Reno News & Review (digital and print)
- Marketing Metrics/ how the events performed
 - Impressions: 240,099
 - Reach: 115,089
 - Landing Page Views: 3,748
 - Engagements: 13,751
 - QR code scans: 37
- Number of attendees
 - 227, \$15,950 in ticket sales

Awareness

- Marketing placements
 - Google Ad awareness advertising from April 2026 - June 2026
- Marketing Metrics / how the events performed
 - Impressions: 1,044,533
 - Clicks: 29,166
 - Frequency: 7.1/user





- Showgirl Day – May 21, 2026
- PR effort included the following coverage:
 - AOL – 248,900,000 UVM
 - Yahoo! Entertainment – 377,313,439 UVM
 - Yahoo! News – 45,907,509 UVM
 - KVVU-TV, Fox Las Vegas – The MORE Show, Online, in-studio, and Instagram – 1,555,165 UVM
 - KLAS-TV, CBS Las Vegas – Las Vegas Now, YouTube) – 1,313,379 UVM
 - KTLA – Online and Broadcast – 8,703,000 UVM
 - Las Vegas Magazine – 54,949 UVM
 - Las Vegas Weekly – 65,029 UVM
 - CBS LA Mornings at 8 am
 - CBS News – 67,290,000 UVM





9th Island Celebration

- Marketing placements
 - Meta advertising - May 2
 - Greenspun (Digital, print)
- Marketing Metrics/ how the events performed
 - Impressions: 132,239
 - Reach: 50,767
 - Event Responses: 724
 - Landing Page Views: 3,045
 - Engagements: 21,133
 - Greenspun sessions: 53
 - QR code scans: 122
- Number of attendees - 446





Media and Public Relations:

A Century of Lost City

- Distributed a release promoting the opening of *A Century of Lost City*, securing coverage from Vegas Publicity.
- UVM/Reach: 35,000

Forensics Camp

- Event in July, but coverage began in June
- Secured an in-studio segment on FOX5's *Studio 5 Live* highlighting the museum's Forensic Science Camp for teens.
- UVM/Reach 682,000

VEGAS PUBLICITY

The Lost City Museum in Overton to Debut Historic Pageants Exhibit on April 11

April 1, 2026 Don Chareunsky



"The Lost City Pageants were a pivotal moment in attention to the rich archaeological history of the Valley," said Museum Director Tracey Sprague.

The *Lost City Museum* in Overton will debut the exhibition "A Century of Lost City" with an opening event on Saturday, April 11, from 1-3 p.m. It is part of America250 Nevada, the statewide commemoration of the 250th anniversary.

The exhibition explores the Lost City Pageants of 1925 and 1926, captured public curiosity and drew attention to the archaeological



Developed as a way to showcase the region's archaeological significance, the pageants played a key role in preserving the history of the ancestral Puebloan peoples who lived in the area nearly 1,000 years ago.

Through photographs, artifacts and storytelling, "A Century of Lost City" reflects on the museum's origins and highlights how community engagement shaped the preservation of Southern Nevada's cultural heritage. The exhibit also underscores the museum's mission to protect and interpret the area's archaeological resources.



Forensic Science Camp for Teens

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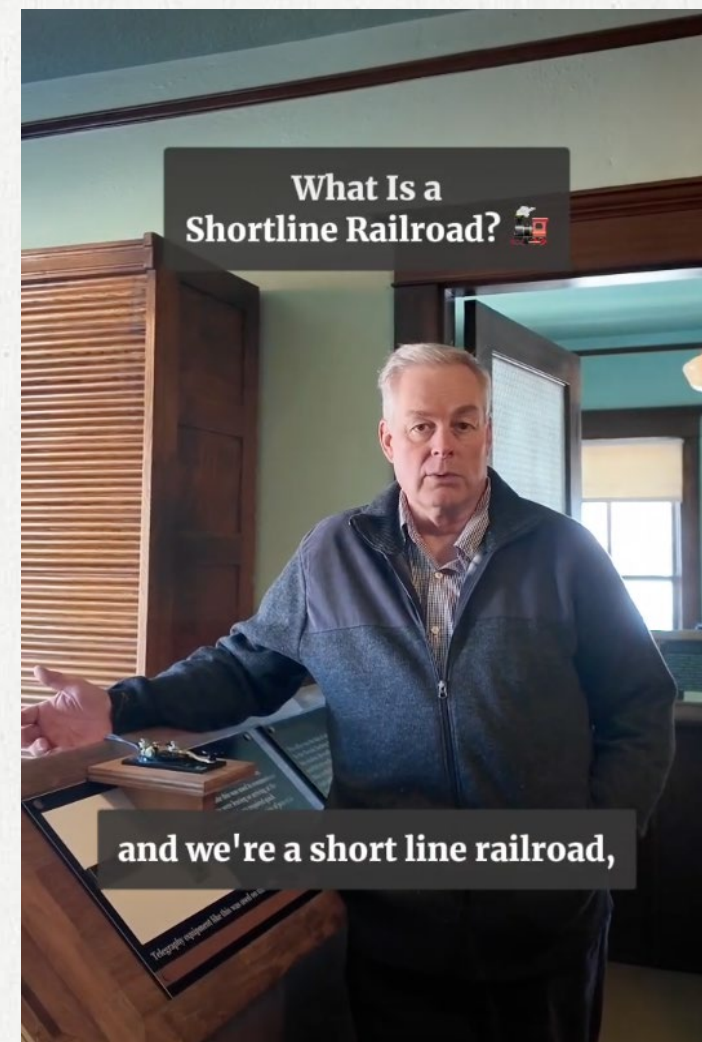


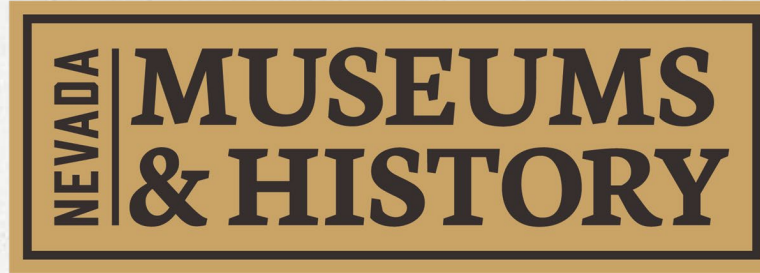
- Marketing dollars spent & tactics
 - Rail Bike Google advertising - \$1,586.54 from April 2026 - June 2026
- Marketing Metrics/ how the events performed
 - Impressions: 32,734
 - Clicks: 5,342
 - 16,542 views to landing page
- Q4 stats:
 - Riders: 1,750
 - Tickets: 547
 - Income: \$49,230





- Organic Facebook
 - Post Views: 5,495 (+54%)
 - Post Clicks: 76 (+55%)
- Organic Instagram
 - Post Views: 1,990 (-31%)
 - Post Clicks: 42 (-11%)





THANK YOU



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Joe Lombardo | Governor
Daniel Thielen | Administrator

NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Catherine Magee Ph.D. | Director
1650 North Virginia Street
Reno, NV 89503

1904 – 2024 *Enriching Lives Through History For 120 Years*

Donation Memo

Date: 6/11/26

To: Mercedes de la Garza, Chairman
Board of Museums & History

From: Catherine Magee, Director
Nevada Historical Society

Through: Daniel Thielen, Administrator, DMH

Re: Acceptance of Restricted Donation

Please, accept \$1000.00 from Trails West Incorporated for the NHS Restricted Fund, BA 5035, CAT 55, Project Code 3522 (Collections).

Approval: _____

Mercedes de la Garza, Chair Board of Museums & History Date





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NEVADA STATE MUSEUM,
CARSON CITY
600 N. Carson St
Carson City, NV 89701

Donation Memo

Date: 7/02/2026

To: Mercedes de la Garza, Chair
Board of Museums & History

From: Jen Roger, Director
Nevada State Museum

Through: Daniel Thielen, Administrator-NDMH

Re: Restricted Donation

The John and Grace Nauman Foundation donates \$20,000 to the Marjorie Russell Clothing and Textiles Center for the purpose of funding a clothing and textiles book. Funds are deposited into Budget Account 5036, Category 55, Project Code 3603.

Approval: _____

Mercedes de la Garza, Chair Board of Museums & History Date

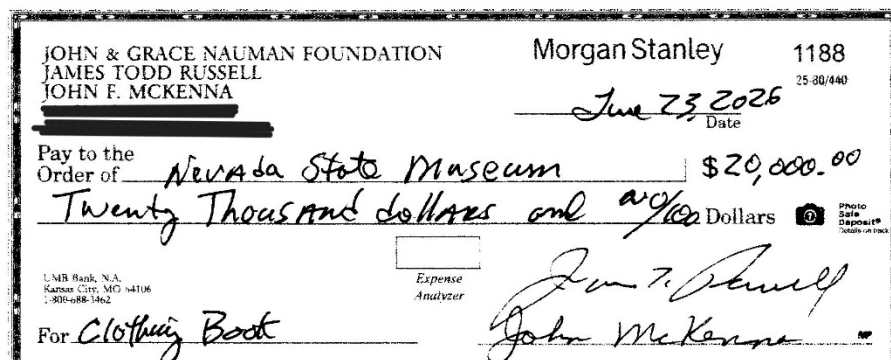


Figure 1 – Check No. 1188 in the amount of \$20,000 made out to the Nevada State Museum to help fund a clothing and textiles book.



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NEVADA STATE MUSEUM,
CARSON CITY
600 N. Carson St
Carson City, NV 89701

Donation Memo

Date: 6/10/2026

To: Mercedes de la Garza, Chair
Board of Museums & History

From: Jen Roger, Director
Nevada State Museum

Through: Daniel Thielen, Administrator-NDMH

Re: Restricted Donation

A check presented in the amount of \$250 from Fidelity Charitable for “where it’s needed most” has been deposited into the NSMCC Facilities restricted fund: BA 5036, Category 55, Project Code 3633.

Approval: _____

Mercedes de la Garza, Chair Board of Museums & History Date

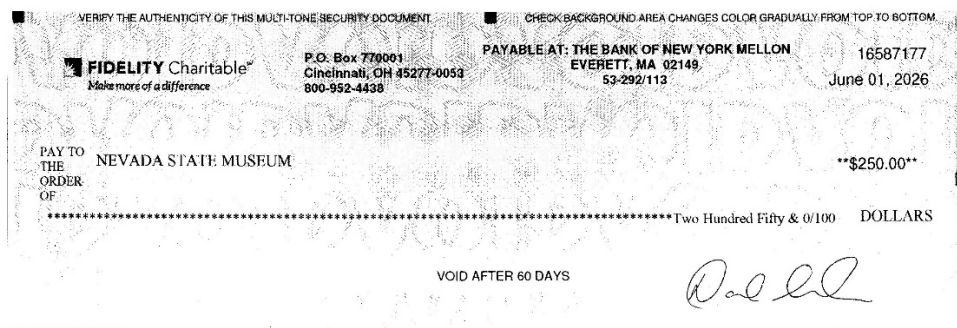


Figure 1 – Check No. 16587177 in the amount of \$250 made out to the Nevada State Museum.



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NEVADA STATE RAILROAD
MUSEUM, BOULDER CITY
601 Yucca St
Boulder City, NV 89005

Board Request Memo

Date: 9/11/2026

To: Mercedes de la Garza, Chair
Board of Museums & History

From: Dr. Christopher MacMahon, Director
Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City

Through: Daniel Thielen, Administrator-NDMH

Re: Fee Schedule Amendment Request

The museum is requesting the Board consider enacting following changes to the museum's ticket and facility use fee schedule to reflect our critically low staffing and difficulty meeting statutory requirements without necessary curatorial, education, or guest service staff.

1. **Train Ride for School Tours:** we request the Board change this rate from \$6 per person to a flat rate of \$750. This change will allow the museum to cover base fuel and maintenance costs of operations while still offering the option of adding a train ride to a school tour.
2. **Multipurpose Room Rental:** we request the Board set a rental rate of \$200 per hour during normal hours of operation only. This will make the room available for public use during our normal business hours but avoid overtime and additional costs by ensuring it is only available when staff are already present.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Christopher MacMahon, Ph.D.
Museum Director

Approval: _____

Mercedes de la Garza, Chair Board of Museums & History Date

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CONTRACT FOR SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

A Contract Between the State of Nevada
Acting by and Through its

Agency Name:	DIVISION OF MUSEUMS & HISTORY, THE NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Address:	1650 N. VIRGINIA ST.
City, State, Zip Code:	RENO, NV 89503
Contact:	KRISTINA HORNBACK
Phone:	775.688.1190
Fax:	775.688.2917
Email:	KHORNBACK@NEVADACULTURE.ORG

Contractor Name:	WILLIAM D. ROWLEY
Address:	P.O. BOX 1085
City, State, Zip Code:	VERDI, NV 89439
Contact:	WILLIAM D. ROWLEY
Phone:	775.560.6312
Email:	WILLIAMR@UNR.EDU

WHEREAS, NRS 333.700 authorizes officers, departments, institutions, boards, commissions, and other agencies in the Executive Department of the State Government which derive their support from public money in whole or in part to engage, subject to the approval of the Board of Examiners (BOE), services of persons as independent contractors; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed that the service of Contractor is both necessary and in the best interests of the State of Nevada.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the aforesaid premises, the parties mutually agree as follows:

1. **REQUIRED APPROVAL.** This Contract shall not become effective until and unless approved by the Nevada State Board of Examiners.
2. **DEFINITIONS.**
 - A. "State" – means the State of Nevada and any State agency identified herein, its officers, employees and immune contractors as defined in NRS 41.0307.
 - B. "Contracting Agency" – means the State agency identified above.
 - C. "Contractor" – means the person or entity identified above that performs services and/or provides goods for the State under the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract.
 - D. "Fiscal Year" – means the period beginning July 1st and ending June 30th of the following year.
 - E. "Contract" – Unless the context otherwise requires, "Contract" means this document entitled Contract for Services of Independent Contractor and all Attachments or Incorporated Documents.
 - F. "Contract for Independent Contractor" – means this document entitled Contract for Services of Independent Contractor exclusive of any Attachments or Incorporated Documents.
3. **CONTRACT TERM.** This Contract shall be effective as noted below, unless sooner terminated by either party as specified in Section 10, Contract Termination. Contract is subject to Board of Examiners' approval.

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subcontractors, financial statements and supporting documentation, and documentation related to the work product shall be subject, at any reasonable time, to inspection, examination, review, audit, and copying at any office or location of Contractor where such records may be found, with or without notice by the State Auditor, the relevant State agency or its contracted examiners, the department of Administration, Budget Division, the Nevada State Attorney General's Office or its Fraud Control Units, the state Legislative Auditor, and with regard to any federal funding, the relevant federal agency, the Comptroller General, the General Accounting Office, the Office of the Inspector General, or any of their authorized representatives. All subcontracts shall reflect requirements of this Section.

- C. Period of Retention. All books, records, reports, and statements relevant to this Contract must be retained a minimum three (3) years, and for five (5) years if any federal funds are used pursuant to the Contract. The retention period runs from the date of payment for the relevant goods or services by the state, or from the date of termination of the Contract, whichever is later. Retention time shall be extended when an audit is scheduled or in progress for a period reasonably necessary to complete an audit and/or to complete any administrative and judicial litigation which may ensue.

10. CONTRACT TERMINATION.

- A. Termination Without Cause. Regardless of any terms to the contrary, this Contract may be terminated upon written notice by mutual consent of both parties. The State unilaterally may terminate this contract without cause by giving not less than thirty (30) days' notice in the manner specified in *Section 4, Notice*. If this Contract is unilaterally terminated by the State, Contractor shall use its best efforts to minimize cost to the State and Contractor will not be paid for any cost that Contractor could have avoided.
- B. State Termination for Non-Appropriation. The continuation of this Contract beyond the current biennium is subject to and contingent upon sufficient funds being appropriated, budgeted, and otherwise made available by the State Legislature and/or federal sources. The State may terminate this Contract, and Contractor waives any and all claims(s) for damages, effective immediately upon receipt of written notice (or any date specified therein) if for any reason the contracting Agency's funding from State and/or federal sources is not appropriated or is withdrawn, limited, or impaired.
- C. Termination with Cause for Breach. A breach may be declared with or without termination. A notice of breach and termination shall specify the date of termination of the Contract, which shall not be sooner than the expiration of the Time to Correct, if applicable, allowed under subsection 10D. This Contract may be terminated by either party upon written notice of breach to the other party on the following grounds:
- 1) If Contractor fails to provide or satisfactorily perform any of the conditions, work, deliverables, goods, or services called for by this Contract within the time requirements specified in this Contract or within any granted extension of those time requirements; or
 - 2) If any state, county, city, or federal license, authorization, waiver, permit, qualification or certification required by statute, ordinance, law, or regulation to be held by Contractor to provide the goods or services required by this Contract is for any reason denied, revoked, debarred, excluded, terminated, suspended, lapsed, or not renewed; or
 - 3) If Contractor becomes insolvent, subject to receivership, or becomes voluntarily or involuntarily subject to the jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court; or
 - 4) If the State materially breaches any material duty under this Contract and any such breach impairs Contractor's ability to perform; or
 - 5) If it is found by the State that any quid pro quo or gratuities in the form of money, services, entertainment, gifts, or otherwise were offered or given by Contractor, or any agent or representative of Contractor, to any officer or employee of the State of Nevada with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to awarding, extending, amending, or making any determination with respect to the performing of such contract; or
 - 6) If it is found by the State that Contractor has failed to disclose any material conflict of interest relative to the performance of this Contract.

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contract as an independent contractor, and warrants that the State of Nevada will not incur any employment liability by reason of this Contract or the work to be performed under this Contract. To the extent the State incurs any employment liability for the work under this Contract; Contractor will reimburse the State for that liability.

16. **INSURANCE SCHEDULE.** Unless expressly waived in writing by the State, Contractor must carry policies of insurance and pay all taxes and fees incident hereto. Policies shall meet the terms and conditions as specified within this Contract along with the additional limits and provisions as described in *Attachment BB*, incorporated hereto by attachment. The State shall have no liability except as specifically provided in the Contract.

Contractor shall not commence work before Contractor has provided the required evidence of insurance to the Contracting Agency. The State's approval of any changes to insurance coverage during the course of performance shall constitute an ongoing condition subsequent to this Contract. Any failure of the State to timely approve shall not constitute a waiver of the condition.

- A. **Insurance Coverage.** Contractor shall, at Contractor's sole expense, procure, maintain and keep in force for the duration of the Contract insurance conforming to the minimum limits as specified in *Attachment BB*, incorporated hereto by attachment. Unless specifically stated herein or otherwise agreed to by the State, the required insurance shall be in effect prior to the commencement of work by Contractor and shall continue in force as appropriate until:

- 1) Final acceptance by the State of the completion of this Contract; or
- 2) Such time as the insurance is no longer required by the State under the terms of this Contract; whichever occurs later.

Any insurance or self-insurance available to the State shall be in excess of and non-contributing with, any insurance required from Contractor. Contractor's insurance policies shall apply on a primary basis. Until such time as the insurance is no longer required by the State, Contractor shall provide the State with renewal or replacement evidence of insurance no less than thirty (30) days before the expiration or replacement of the required insurance. If at any time during the period when insurance is required by the Contract, an insurer or surety shall fail to comply with the requirements of this Contract, as soon as Contractor has knowledge of any such failure, Contractor shall immediately notify the State and immediately replace such insurance or bond with an insurer meeting the requirements.

B. **General Requirements.**

- 1) **Additional Insured:** By endorsement to the general liability insurance policy, the State of Nevada, its officers, employees and immune contractors as defined in NRS 41.0307 shall be named as additional insureds for all liability arising from the Contract.
- 2) **Waiver of Subrogation:** Each insurance policy shall provide for a waiver of subrogation against the State of Nevada, its officers, employees and immune contractors as defined in NRS 41.0307 for losses arising from work/materials/equipment performed or provided by or on behalf of Contractor.
- 3) **Cross Liability:** All required liability policies shall provide cross-liability coverage as would be achieved under the standard ISO separation of insureds clause.
- 4) **Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions:** Insurance maintained by Contractor shall apply on a first dollar basis without application of a deductible or self-insured retention unless otherwise specifically agreed to by the State. Such approval shall not relieve Contractor from the obligation to pay any deductible or self-insured retention. Any deductible or self-insured retention shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) per occurrence, unless otherwise approved by the Risk Management Division.
- 5) **Policy Cancellation:** Except for ten (10) days notice for non-payment of premiums, each insurance policy shall be endorsed to state that without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the State of Nevada, c/o Contracting Agency, the policy shall not be canceled, non-renewed or coverage and/or limits reduced or materially altered, and shall provide that notices required by this Section shall be sent by certified mail to the address shown on page one (1) of this contract.
- 6) **Approved Insurer:** Each insurance policy shall be:

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attempts to operate as a novation, or includes a waiver or abrogation of any defense to payment by State, such offending portion of the assignment shall be void, and shall be a breach of this Contract. Contractor shall neither assign, transfer nor delegate any rights, obligations nor duties under this Contract without the prior written consent of the State.

21. **STATE OWNERSHIP OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION.** Any data or information provided by the State to Contractor and any documents or materials provided by the State to Contractor in the course of this Contract ("State Materials") shall be and remain the exclusive property of the State and all such State Materials shall be delivered into State possession by Contractor upon completion, termination, or cancellation of this Contract.
22. **PUBLIC RECORDS.** Pursuant to NRS 239.010, information or documents received from Contractor may be open to public inspection and copying. The State has a legal obligation to disclose such information unless a particular record is made confidential by law or a common law balancing of interests. Contractor may label specific parts of an individual document as a "trade secret" or "confidential" in accordance with NRS 333.333, provided that Contractor thereby agrees to indemnify and defend the State for honoring such a designation. The failure to so label any document that is released by the State shall constitute a complete waiver of any and all claims for damages caused by any release of the records.
23. **CONFIDENTIALITY.** Contractor shall keep confidential all information, in whatever form, produced, prepared, observed or received by Contractor to the extent that such information is confidential by law or otherwise required by this Contract.
24. **FEDERAL FUNDING.** In the event federal funds are used for payment of all or part of this Contract, Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable federal laws, regulations and executive orders, including, without limitation the following:
 - A. Contractor certifies, by signing this Contract, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency. This certification is made pursuant to Executive Orders 12549 and 12689 and Federal Acquisition Regulation subpart 9.4, and any relevant program-specific regulations. This provision shall be required of every subcontractor receiving any payment in whole or in part from federal funds.
 - B. Contractor and its subcontracts shall comply with all terms, conditions, and requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-136), 42 U.S.C. 12101, as amended, and regulations adopted thereunder, including 28 C.F.R. Section 35, inclusive, and any relevant program-specific regulations.
 - C. Contractor and its subcontractors shall comply with the requirements of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), as amended, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-112), as amended, and any relevant program-specific regulations, and shall not discriminate against any employee or offeror for employment because of race, national origin, creed, color, sex, religion, age, disability or handicap condition (including AIDS and AIDS-related conditions.)
25. **LOBBYING.** The parties agree, whether expressly prohibited by federal law, or otherwise, that no funding associated with this Contract will be used for any purpose associated with or related to lobbying or influencing or attempting to lobby or influence for any purpose the following:
 - A. Any federal, state, county or local agency, legislature, commission, council or board;
 - B. Any federal, state, county or local legislator, commission member, council member, board member, or other elected official; or
 - C. Any officer or employee of any federal, state, county or local agency; legislature, commission, council or board.
26. **GENERAL WARRANTY.** Contractor warrants that all services, deliverables, and/or work products under this Contract shall be completed in a workmanlike manner consistent with standards in the trade, profession, or industry; shall conform to or exceed the specifications set forth in the incorporated attachments; and shall be fit for ordinary use, of good quality, with no material defects.
27. **PROPER AUTHORITY.** The parties hereto represent and warrant that the person executing this Contract on behalf of each party has full power and authority to enter into this Contract. Contractor acknowledges that as required by statute or regulation this Contract is effective only after approval by the State Board of Examiners and only for the period of time

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31. **ENTIRE CONTRACT AND MODIFICATION.** This Contract and its integrated attachment(s) constitute the entire agreement of the parties and as such are intended to be the complete and exclusive statement of the promises, representations, negotiations, discussions, and other agreements that may have been made in connection with the subject matter hereof. Unless an integrated attachment to this Contract specifically displays a mutual intent to amend a particular part of this Contract, general conflicts in language between any such attachment and this Contract shall be construed consistent with the terms of this Contract. Unless otherwise expressly authorized by the terms of this Contract, no modification or amendment to this Contract shall be binding upon the parties unless the same is in writing and signed by the respective parties hereto and approved by the Office of the Attorney General and the State Board of Examiners. This Contract, and any amendments, may be executed in counterparts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Contract to be signed and intend to be legally bound thereby.

<u><i>William D. King</i></u>	<u>08/24/2026</u>	<u>Editor in Chief - NV</u>
Independent Contractor's Signature	Date	Independent Contractor's Title

_____	_____	Administrator, Division of Museums & History
State of Nevada Authorized Signature	Date	Title

_____	_____	Board Chair
Nevada Board of Museums & History Authorized Signature	Date	Title

Approved as to form by:

_____	On: _____
Deputy Attorney General for Attorney General	Date



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- Sign-off on the final proofs to the layout editors and notify Managing Editor
- Meet with NHS staff as requested for communication on status or progress of publication

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Not to exceed \$10,000 in any Fiscal year (number of hours per issue varies depending on submission, online publication format, and other factors). This current proposal to provide Editor-In Chief services for the FY2027 (beginning on July 1, 2026- June 30, 2027) publication which includes continuing online and print publication. The work duration and number of issues need to be flexible and depend on, content, funding and NHS staff availability. The contract Editor-in-Chief will continue to mentor Managing Editor in editorial duties as part of this contract.

Funding Sources

Budget Account 5035 Nevada Historical Society Quarterly Category 37 and Board Approved Special Project Category 48

Instructions to bidders:

The following documents are required prior to contract approval: State of Nevada business license.

Vendor must provide proof of liability and workers' compensation insurance. The certificates must be named Nevada Historical Society, its officers, employees and immune contractors as defined in NRS 41.0307 as the certificate holder. Vendor must be a registered vendor with State of Nevada.

Vendor must use electronic transfer for payment.


William Rowley Date

Nevada Board of Museums and History (BMH)
Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of an Endowment Fund

Whereas, the Board of Museums and History recognize the importance of ensuring financial sustainability and long term planning for the growth of the Division's Museums;

Whereas, the Board of Directors seeks to establish an endowment fund to support the mission and programs of the Nevada Division of Museums and History and affiliate museum and programs;

Whereas, NRS 381.0025 provides authority to the Board of Directors to create an endowment;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

Establishment of Fund

The Board of Museums and History hereby establishes an endowment fund to be managed by the Finance Committee of the Board of Museums and History or BMH designee (i.e. a community foundation).

Purpose of the Fund

The endowment fund shall be used to enhance and sustain program excellence by providing funds to offset operating costs for the individual museums under the Nevada Division of Museums and History.

Investment Policy

The Board shall develop an investment policy specific to the governance and the management of the endowment fund, ensuring adherence to fiduciary responsibilities. The BMH Endowment Fund will be maintained within the BMH's Unrestricted Account held at Morgan Stanley.

Distribution Policy

The Board will establish a distribution policy to determine how funds will be allocated annually once the corpus reaches \$1 million, ensuring the fund's growth and sustainability.

Review and Amendments

This resolution shall be reviewed annually, and amendments may be made as necessary to align with the BMH and Division's goals and financial strategies and for disbursement.

Adopted this [Date] by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Board of Museums and History.

Signatures:

[Chairperson Name]

[Secretary Name]

FY27 BA5034: Approved at the June 12, 2026 Board of Museums & History Meeting

**BOARD OF MUSEUMS & HISTORY
DIVISION OF MUSEUMS & HISTORY
MUSEUMS ADMINISTRATOR DEDICATED TRUST FUND - B/A 5034
BUDGET REQUEST SFY 2027**

G.L.#	GENERAL LEDGER TITLE DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION/DOCUMENTATION OF NEED	TOTAL SFY 2027 REQUEST
7294	TELECONFERENCE CHARGES These funds are used for teleconferencing meetings related to the Museum Dedicated Trust Funds when physical attendance is not required or possible. Teleconferencing can reduce unnecessary travel expenditures. This is an ongoing expenditure for SFY 2022. An adjustment is requested with a Maintenance Budget Adjustment to increase this line item to the anticipated SFY 2022 amount. \$ 0 Base SFY 2020 \$ 0 Maintenance Adjustment \$ 0 Anticipated Expenditure for SFY 2022	0
7301	MEMBERSHIP DUES Funding is being requested for American Alliance of Museums membership and accreditation for The Calculated as follows: \$ 850 Lost City AAM Membership \$ 600 Nevada Historical Society AAM Membership \$ 1,800 Nevada State Museum Carson City AAM Membership \$ 350 Nevada State Museum Carson City AAM Accreditation \$ 1,935 Nevada State Museum Las Vegas AAM Membership \$ 350 Nevada State Museum Las Vegas AAM Accreditation \$ 686 Association of State and Local History \$ 700 Western Museum Association \$ 595 Society of American Archivists \$ 100 Nevada Museum Association \$ 7,966 SFY 2027 Total Request \$ 6,695 Base SFY 2025 \$ 1,521 Maintenance Adjustment \$ 8,216 Anticipated Expenditure for SFY 2027	8,216

Fy27 WESTERN MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION, INSTITUTIONAL/40+ STAFF RENEWAL [per BA 5034, below]:

Institutional Membership

Institutional membership fees are determined by the number of staff members. Additional benefits for Institutional Membership include:

- Discounted registration to the [Annual Meeting](#) for all staff, volunteers, & trustees
- Eligibility extended to all staff to apply for [scholarships](#) to the Annual Meeting
- Discounted registration to Museum Advocacy Day in Washington D.C.
- Organization listed in the online [Institution Directory](#) with a link to your homepage
- Free listings on the [WMA Job Board](#)

All staff become Associate Members of WMA, and receive:

- Discounted registration fees to the [Annual Meeting](#)
- Eligibility to apply for [scholarships](#) to the Annual Meeting
- WMA communications including the monthly eWestMuse electronic newsletter
- Discounted registration to Museum Advocacy Day in Washington D.C.

Institutional Membership Levels

- **Institutional Level 6 (40+ Staff): \$950**
- Institutional Level 5 (15-39 Staff): \$800
- Institutional Level 4 (11-14 Staff): \$650
- Institutional Level 3 (7-10 Staff): \$400
- Institutional Level 2 (4-6 Staff): \$200
- Institutional Level 1 (0-3 Staff): \$100
- All Volunteer: \$25



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To: Mercedes de la Garza, Chair
Nevada Board of Museums and History

Through: Daniel P. Thielen, Administrator, Nevada Division of Museums & History

From: Brian Deem, Administrative Services Officer, Nevada Division of Museums & History

Date: September 11, 2026

RE: Transfer of funds from Lost City Museum to Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City

The Division of Museums & History is requesting approval to make available \$100,000 from the Lost City Museum to the Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City. Thank you.

Approval: _____
Mercedes de la Garza
Chair, Board of Museums & History

Date