



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Carlsbad Museum Advisory Board  
Held in Carlsbad Museum  
On March 15, 2023 at 1:30 PM**

**Voting Members Present:**

David Prell - Museum Board President  
Wren Prather-Stroud - Member  
Dailey Jones - Member  
Francene Hoffman - Member  
Desiree Kicker - Member  
Tom Bemis - Member

**Voting Members Absent:**

Allison Hervol - Member  
Sky Soto - Member  
Lisa Simmons – Member

**Ex-Officio Members Present:**

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Dale Janway - Mayor  
John Lowe - City Administrator

**Others Present:**

Edward VanScotter - Assistant Director  
Jameson Lucas - Attendant  
Alana Akacki - Prospective Board Member

**1. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Jameson Lucas took roll call at 1:55. A Quorum was established.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF March 15, 2023**

The motion was made by Wren Prather-Stroud and seconded by Francene Hoffman to approve the Agenda for the March 15, 2023 meeting.

The vote was as follows:

Yes – David Prell, Wren Prather-Stroud, Dailey Jones, Francene Hoffman, Desiree Kicker, Tom Bemis

No – None

Absent – Allison Hervol, Sky Soto, Lisa Simmons



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**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE January 18, 2023 REGULAR MEETING**

The motion was made by Wren Prather-Stroud and seconded by Tom Bemis to approve the minutes for the January 18, 2023 regular meeting.

The vote was as follows:

Yes – David Prell, Wren Prather-Stroud, Dailey Jones, Francene Hoffman,  
Desiree Kicker, Tom Bemis

No – None

Absent – Allison Hervol, Sky Soto, Lisa Simmons

**4. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

- January and February gift shop sales approx. \$1,000.
- The gift shop is hosting a 40% Off Sale on all books for National Book Month.
- The Fall 2023 exhibit, ‘America at the Crossroads: The GUITAR and a Changing Nation’ will be partially paid for in the current fiscal year. An \$18,000 deposit will be made before July 1st, 2023.
- The Museum purchased two Gary Niblett paintings from his retrospective exhibit. \$5,000 from the Amigos fund to purchase “Flyover Country” and “Apache Night Raiders” was purchased with a \$15,000 donation by the City of Carlsbad. Bank of America donated a third painting, “The Trail to Santa Fe”.
- The installation of a lighting grid in the Atrium gallery was discussed for the upcoming fiscal year. This would be a Capital Project and has been requested.
- The installation of a new proximity grid for securing the museum’s paintings was discussed for the upcoming fiscal year. This would be a Capital Project and has been requested.

The motion was made by David Prell and seconded by Tom Bemis to approve this item.

The vote was as follows:



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**5. APPROVAL OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Assistant Director Edward VanScotter presented the Director's Report in Dave Morgan's absence. It was announced that Dave Morgan would be retiring on March 31st, 2023.
- The Bob and Barbara Forrest case in the Hall of Fame was revamped to include Gary Forrest.
- Mayor Dale Janway tasked the Museum with creating a Hall of Fame case featuring rodeo star Gary Tucker.
- The production of an exhibit catalog for 'Gary Niblett: His Life & Art' was discussed. Jameson Lucas is producing the catalog, and Starline Printing in Albuquerque is printing the catalog.
- Summer Art Academy is being spearheaded by Cassie Parks. The academy will be held from June 6th to August 5th and will be themed this year around the Caverns Centennial exhibit. We are planning to host more adult classes this year.
- A \$2,000 grant was awarded by the Carlsbad Community Foundation to fund 25 field trips for Carlsbad fourth graders to see the Caverns Centennial exhibit.
- The Bataan exhibit will be expanded at the end of March to include the collection of Bataan Death March survivor Roy Castleberry, donated by his son Glen Castleberry.

The motion was made by Desiree Kicker and seconded by Wren Prather-Stroud to approve this item.

The vote was as follows:



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**6. DISCUSS CURRENT AND FUTURE EXHIBITIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

- The current exhibit from the Zia Quilt & Stitchery Guild is currently on exhibit through March 18th. The guild is putting on a free workshop each Saturday from 12:00 to 2:30.
- The Carlsbad Municipal Schools Student Art Show will be on exhibit from March 23rd, 2023 through April 28th, 2023.
- The Carlsbad Area Art Association will run concurrently with the CMS Student Art Show, opening on April 18th, 2023 through May 6th, 2023.
- The Carlsbad Caverns Centennial exhibit, ‘One Drip at a Time’ will open on May 30th, 2023 and will be on exhibit through October 25th, 2023.
- The Fall 2023 exhibit will be ‘America at the Crossroads: The GUITAR and a Changing Nation’ from the National Guitar Museum. It will open sometime in November 2023 and be on exhibit through February 2024.
- The possibility of returning to monthly board meetings was discussed.

**7. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Tom Bemis and seconded by Dailey Jones.

The vote was as follows:

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David Prell, President  Date 4-19-23