



**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the  
Carlsbad Museum Advisory Board  
Held in Carlsbad Museum  
On April 19, 2023 at 2:00 PM**

**Voting Members Present:**

David Prell  
Francene Hoffman  
Desiree Kicker  
Tom Bemis  
Wren Prather-Stroud  
Dailey Jones  
Sky Soto

Museum Board President  
Member  
Member  
Member  
Member  
Member  
Member (Arrived 2:18)

**Voting Members Absent:**

Allison Hervol  
Lisa Simmons

Member  
Member

**Ex-Officio Members Present:**

Angie Barrios-Testa

Director of Municipal Services

**Ex-Officio Members Absent:**

Dale Janway  
John Lowe

Mayor  
City Administrator

**Others Present:**

Edward VanScotter  
Cassie Parks

Interim Museum Director  
Museum Attendant

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

Cassie Parks took roll call at 2:08. It was determined that a quorum was present.



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**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF APRIL 19, 2023**

The motion was made by Tom Bemis and seconded by Francene Hoffman to approve this item.

The vote was as follows:

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

No – None

Absent – Alison Hervol, Sky Soto, Lisa Simmons

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2022, REGULAR MEETING**

The motion was made by Francene Hoffman and seconded by Desiree Kicker to approve this item.

The vote was as follows:

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

No – None

Absent – Alison Hervol, Sky Soto, Lisa Simmons

**4. APPROVAL OF ALANA AKACKI FOR THE MUSEUM BOARD**

- Alana Akacki has been in Carlsbad for 3 years and works for WIPP. She has years of museum experience. She is wanting to get more involved in the community and the museum.

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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Wren Prather-Stroud

No – None

Absent – Allison Hervol, Lisa Simmons

**5. APPROVAL TO HOLD MUSEUM BOARD MEETINGS MONTHLY AT 2:00 PM**

- The board discussed the museum return to holding monthly board meetings. This allows for better attendance, momentum, less of a back log of information at each meeting, and encourages more involvement. Moving meetings from 1:30 to 2:00 allows for members to have time to pick up children from early out dismissal on Wednesdays and prior meetings to end before the Museum begins.

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

The vote was as follows:

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

No – None

Absent – Allison Hervol, Lisa Simmons

**6. DISCUSS MUSEUM DIRECTOR TRANSITION**

- Edward VanScotter has accepted the interim director position after Dave Morgan retired at the end of March, 2023. He has the staff and board's support and confidence in this role at the museum. Angie Barrios-Testa reiterated the experience, time, and occasions Edward has already been leading the museum. While positions and staffing are as is, the museum budget is for two full time and two part time employees. Angie stated that while board members can make recommendations it is ultimately up to the city in the hiring process for the museum. Edward will be interim for the next few months until more is determined from the city. David Prell reminded the board of Edward's achievements to date, that he has done a great deal in academia, earning his masters in museum studies but also practical experience such as attending/participating in



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conferences.

- The Board discussed how they could help the museum staff and mentioned reviving the Amigos and docent programs.
- Edward VanScotter shared the recent schedule of exhibits, events and happenings at the museum.

**7. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Being no further business, the motion to adjourn at 2:51 was made by Desiree Kicker and seconded by Tom Bemis to approve this item.

The vote was as follows:

Yes – David Prell, Francene Hoffman, Desiree Kicker, Tom Bemis, Wren Prather-Stroud, Lisa Simmons

No – None

Absent – Allison Hervol, Lisa Simmons

David Prell, President

*David Prell* Date *21 June 2023*  
*By Desiree Kicker*