

**GOVERNING BOARD OF THE HARWOOD FOUNDATION  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO**

Meeting Minutes, Friday, January 24, 2025  
Arthur Bell Auditorium/Hybrid Meeting 3PM-Recorded

**Governing Board Members Present:** Liz Neely, Dora Dillistone, Sheree Livney, Juniper Leherissey, Lucile Grieder, Santiago Vaca, Scott McAdams, Teresa Costandinitis\*, Mary Guitierrez\*, Romy Colonius, Janet Mockovciak, Laurie Medley\*, Shawn Berman\*

**Staff Members Present:** Susie Crowley, Nicole Dial-Kay, Valerie Overlan

**Others Present:** Tracy Higgins\*, Kaela Hawari\*

\*Attended via Zoom

**Absent:** Harris Smith, Vernon Lujan, Tim Castillo

**Handouts:** Agenda, 12/20/2024 Minutes

1. **Call to Order/Confirmation of Quorum:** Scott McAdams confirmed the quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:02pm. Scott asked to change the order of the agenda: Governance Committee to #11, Facilities to #8, Finance #9 and Fundraising #10. All approved motion to change order of the agenda.
2. **Approval of the 12/20/2024 Minutes:** Liz made a motion, Romy seconded; all in favor
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Janet made a motion; Sheree seconded; all in favor
4. **Board Chair Update:** Thanked board members for a great year and a reminder that the Board has solid marching orders for the year ahead.
  - a. **Committee updates** Romy moving from the Collections Committee to the Education Committee
5. **Director's Report:** Please see link to report
6. **Collections Committee:** Please see the committee reports linked on the agenda. Dora's term on the Board is up and she will be stepping away as Chair and recommending Santiago Vaca as her replacement. The committee is working on formalizing the charter, procedures, collections care, etc. with the assistance of consultant, Rebecca Kennedy. Hoping the FBI will get the stolen art back to Harwood soon.

Nicole shared two art pieces by Native American artist Harrison Begay were recommended by the Collections Committee to add to the permanent collection. **Liz moved to elevate the Begay pieces to the permanent collection and Janet seconded; all approved.**

Victor Goler donated his time to work with former Curatorial Assistant, Stephanie Stewart, to clean and preserve several art pieces.

Gift offers recommended by the Collections Committee include:

-two paintings by Arizona artist Lindsay Holt. **Romy moved to accept the Holt pieces; Lucile seconded; all approved.**

-two pieces by NM artist Stuart Arends. The Board decided to table the vote in order to make a visit to Santa Fe to see the pieces in person.

The Collections Committee is looking for any Eva Mirabel art pieces.

7. **Curatorial Report-Permanent Collection Rotations:** Please see Nicole Dial-Kay's presentations linked in agenda
8. **Facilities Committee Report:** Please see the Facilities Report linked in the agenda
9. **Finance Committee Mid-Year Actuals:** Please see the Finance Committee report linked in the agenda. Juniper shared the mid-year actuals graphics. Some cuts needed, based on unexpected expenses and losing the development director in December with fundraising goals low to date. **Teresa made a motion accepting Quarter 2 Financials, Shawn seconded and all approved.**
10. **Fundraising Report:** Juniper shared the Development report, linked in agenda, that detailed each campaign's goals and funds raised to date. Some goals have been met, but others are falling short. Dora expressed concern about the Adobe fundraising goal being so high when we are already experiencing low funding. Juniper said they are already reviewing the exhibition and want to try fundraising first before making cuts.
11. **Governance Committee:** Shawn Berman shared that the Governance Committee has been looking at nominations and have narrowed the candidates to three: Tracy Higgins, Kaela Hawari and Eleanor Romero.
  - a. **Nominations-** March is when the Board will vote
    - i. **Committee Chairs-** discussing succession for Committee Chairs
    - ii. **Executive Committee-** seeking nominations for the Executive Committee; please let Shawn know if members would like to serve as Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary or Treasurer.
12. **Adjournment:** -- Janet made a motion to adjourn; Dora seconded, all approved, and the meeting adjourned at 5:14pm.