

MINUTES
GOVERNING BOARD OF HARWOOD MUSEUM OF ART
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

Friday, November 21, 2025
3:00 PM Harwood Museum of Art

PRESENT: Sheree Livney, Lucile Grieder*, Scott McAdams, Eleanor Romero, Romy Colonius, Santiago Vaca*, Laurie Medley*, Shawn Berman*, Teresa Costantinidis*, Tim Castillo*, Tracy Higgins*, Liz Neely, Kaela Hawari*

ABSENT: Vernon Lujan, Harris Smith

Staff Present: Gwen Fernandez, Tricia Soule, Susie Crowley, Valerie Overlan, Juniper Leherissey*, Lesley Ivy

*Virtual participants

Call to Order, Confirmation of a Quorum, Adoption of Agenda: Scott McAdams confirmed Quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:02pm. Liz made a motion to accept Agenda; Shawn seconded and all approved.

Approval of Consent Agenda: with a motion to adopt Consent Agenda (below) by Liz; Sheree seconded; all approved

- Minutes 9/19/2025
- Financials
- Alliance Financials

Director Update: Director's Report can be found here: [Directors Report 2025.11.21.docx](#). Highlights include \$200,000 Terra Foundation grant received for *Unearthing Futures*. It is the first Terra grant Harwood has ever received. The Greenwood Fund also came in for \$7,500 for Collection Care. Alliance members are beginning to receive art for the May 2026 Online Auction. Preparing to make an ask of the New Mexico Legislature for support to make improvements to the Center for Creative Learning (CCL) and other capital projects over time.

Staff Spotlight- Lesley Ivy, Customer Service Associate On-call

Governance Committee- Shawn said the Governance committee is fully focused on nominations for next year. Please share any names with Scott, Shawn, or Juniper who would be a good fit. Seeking two community members and one UNM member. It would be great to have someone in construction and real estate with all the projects we have in the coming years.

Collection Committee: Santiago Vaca

- **Acquisitions + Loans:**
 1. We have two requests from the Newcomb Art Museum of Tulane for works to be loaned out in 2027. Romy made a motion; Liz seconded and all approved.
 2. Georgia O’Keeffe Museum requested two pieces for 2028. Teresa made a motion to approve a loan; Romy seconded and all approved. Liz abstained from voting because she works for the O’Keeffe Museum. The loan is contingent upon Pueblo approval.
 3. Diane Littlefield made a gift offer of a Mirabal pencil drawing. Liz moved to approve to accept the gift offer; Sheree seconded and all approved.
 4. Purchase offer by local artist who is part of the upcoming Unearthing Futures exhibition for a piece valued at \$10,000 and offered at \$8,000. Liz moved to approve accepting the offer; Romy seconded and all approved.
- Deaccession process + update: first piece ever that was deaccessioned and it was successful. Still working on final UNM notifications.
- Taos Municipal School Collection update: TMS and Harwood loan agreement underway

Facilities + Expansion Committee: Tim Castillo and Susie Crowley shared updates on the following projects. Please refer to this Facilities and Expansion Report, linked here: [Facilities Projects Presentation final.pptx](#)

- Projects Updates
 - Education Entrance + Plumbing
 - Center for Creative Learning
 - Back Patio
 - Security System
 - Hispanic Traditions
 - Future Expansion (west wing expansion)

Development Committee Report: Tricia Soule shared that a full development committee has now convened and will meet every other month. The following are areas Tricia updated:

- Fundraising Progress and Opportunities
- Unearthing Futures – Artist and Publication Sponsorship Opportunities
- Santa Fe Property Gift Task Force Report

Adjournment: Romy moved to adjourn the meeting; Shawn seconded and all approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:46pm.