

**GOVERNING BOARD OF THE HARWOOD FOUNDATION**  
**OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO**  
**Meeting Minutes Friday, August 16, 2024**  
**Arthur Bell Auditorium Hybrid Meeting 3PM - Recorded**

**Governing Board Members Present:** Sheree Livney (V), Dora Dillistone, Liz Neely (V), Harris Smith (V), Shawn Berman (V), Teresa Costantinidis (V), Mary Gutierrez (V), Tim Castillo (V), Santiago Vaca (V), and Lucile Grieder.

**Staff Members Present:** Juniper Leherissey, Susie Crowley, Sonya Davis (V), Sylvia Tawse, Gwendolyn Fernandez (and baby Rosemary), and Nicole Dial-Kay

**Others Present:** Francisco Certain (V), Linda Warning, and Heather Cummings

**Absent:** Scott McAdams, Romy Colonius, Janet Mockovciak, Vernon Lujan, and Laurie Medley

**Handouts:** Agenda, 6/21/2024 minutes, Marketing literature

**Call to order / Confirmation of Quorum:** Confirmed. Vice Chair, Shawn Berman called the meeting to order 3:02 PM.

1. **Adoption of Agenda:** Shawn announced an amendment to the agenda by announcing item 10 as now a discussion of the Bylaws, sliding the Alliance Report as item 11 and removing the Fundraising Report. Mary moved to adopt the amended agenda; Liz seconded; all approved.
2. **Approval of the 6/21/2024 Minutes:** Teresa moved to approve the minutes; Lucile seconded; all approved.
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Liz moved to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda; Dora seconded; all approved.
4. **Board Chair Update:** Shawn Berman deferred to the shared report provided in the absence of Scott McAdams
5. **Director Report:** Juniper Leherissey
  - Remediation and renovation complete and store is reopened (celebration 8/23 – 8/25).
  - POS with Veevart; signed contract and will implement over 3 months.
  - COVES intercept survey upcoming for exhibition feedback.
  - New levels of Director’s Circle membership are being created and will be revealed in the brochure.
  - More funds needed for upcoming exhibitions.
  - 9/20/2024 is Nick Herrera exhibition opening – asked Board to provide names to invite to opening and will add to VIP list.

- Identifying Capital legislative needs for FY25 request. 10/6/2024 kicks off Thrive Campaign.
- Be prepared to write year End Appeal notes at next meeting.
- FBI uncovered the return of Joseph Henry Sharp & Victor Higgins stolen art. Ironing out details – not yet public.
- Heather Cummings to reveal DEAI survey findings; next process to develop an action plan.

**6. Financial Report:** Francisco Certain

Revenue – Endowment distribution is better than budgeted; \$1.5M in unrestricted (not grant reflected); \$100K less than budgeted due to Store & Programs slowness; Expenses – We used \$255K of budgeted reserves, yet we still have a healthy balance; Spent needed operating expenses yet we were still under budget; Cost for salaries were charged to grants as designed in cost share.

Teresa moved to accept the financial report; Sheree seconded; all approved.

**7. 2026 Curatorial Report:** Nicole Dial-Kay

Having received the \$200K LUCE grant for a future exhibition (not yet public) featuring adobe, Southwest, New Mexico & community which collaborates with other neighboring communities titled Unearthing Futures slated for June of 2026.

**8. DEAI Assessment Report** Heather Cummings

Insight & findings from the Survey assessment; was sent to 57 Harwood stakeholders (staff, board & committees); half responded to the survey which revealed: Self ID, Diversity Practices, Inclusion Practices, Board leadership / Commitment to DEAI, Insights & recommendations with a plan & journey map. See full report.

**9. Collection Committee** Dora Dillistone

- a. Three photos from Funk Estate Bequest of San Geronimo ceremony proposed to gift back to the Taos Pueblo: Liz moves to approve; Sheree seconds; all approve.
- b. Johnnie Winona Ross framed a from Lannan Foundation; Liz moves to accept; Santiago seconds; all approve.
- c. Harwood has been working with Taos Municipal School administrative leaders and Board members on prioritizing the works currently held on loan for 99 years. The goal is to retain stewardship of the works that have the most public value and return others to TMS to decide how to manage. Harwood staff will present to TMS Board later this fall with the goal of revising the loan by the end of the year.

**10. Bylaws:** Shawn Berman

Governance Committee has been working to revise Bylaws and Resolution with Board of Regents. The overall edits include: 1) Clarify oversight vs management, 2) Fewer required meetings, 3) Simplify terms, 4) Revise name from Harwood Foundation if possible, 5) Update for current technology such as Zoom. As the Resolution was not ready to vote on, this was deferred to next meeting.

**11. Alliance Report** Linda Warning

Revenue is limited to support Harwood events. Potential for fundraising in the existing Portfolio. They are considering a reduction of price on the Centennial portfolio. Let Linda or Alliance members know of any fundraising ideas you may have.

**12. Executive Session** – Not held. Juniper will send an email with more information.

**13. Adjournment** – Teresa moves to adjourn; Liz seconds; all accept. Meeting adjourned by Shawn at 5:05 PM