

**Meeting Minutes**  
**BOARD OF MUSEUMS AND HISTORY**  
**March 20, 2019**

Location  
**Nevada State Museum**  
**600 N. Carson Street**  
**Carson City, NV 89701**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Robert Stoldal, Chairman  
Bryan Allison  
Dr. Alicia Barber  
Dr. Doris Dwyer  
Mercedes de la Garza  
E'sha Hoferer  
Jan Petersen  
Robert Ostrovsky  
Seth Schorr \*  
Anthony Timmons

**BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Dr. Sarah Cowie  
Daniel Markoff

**DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES STAFF PRESENT**

Peter Barton, Division of Museums and History, Administrator  
Rebecca Palmer, DCNR, State Historic Preservation Office, State Historic Preservation Officer  
Guy Clifton, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Public Information Officer  
Carrie Edlefsen, Division of Museums and History, Administrative Services Officer  
Lauri Brown, Division of Museums and History, Administrative Assistant  
Sarah Bradley, Attorney General's Office, Deputy Attorney General  
Mary Beth Timm, Lost City Museum, Museum Director \*  
Myron Freedman, Nevada State Museum, Carson City, Museum Director  
Daniel Thielen, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, Museum Director  
Dennis McBride, Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas, Museum Director \*  
Anna Camp, Nevada State Museum, Carson City, Curator II/Anthropology NAGPRA  
Nicolette Johnston, Nevada State Museum, Carson City, Sales & Promotion Rep  
Robin Reed, DCNR, State Historic Preservation Office  
Jessica Axsom, DCNR, State Historic Preservation Office  
Ashley Wiley, DCNR, State Historic Preservation Office

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Marla McDade Williams, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony \*  
Mary Savage, Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas, volunteer \*  
Daniel Slentz, Fallon Business Owner  
Dixie Hankins, Fallon Business Owner  
Mike Billington, Fallon Business Owner  
Scott Nebesky, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony \*  
Kathy Lambert, NV Energy, Reno  
Michelle Larime, Battle Mountain Grammar School \*

\* via teleconference

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1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00am and confirmed a quorum was present and the meeting was posted in accordance with NRS 241. (1,2)
2. The Chair took Item 3, Board Announcements and Meeting Logistics. The Chair took this time to introduce E'sha Hoferer, who was able to attend the museum showcase the evening of March 19, 2019. Member Hoferer gave a brief history on his life. (3)
3. The Chair took Item 4, Public Comment. There was no public comment at this time. (4)
4. The Chair took Item 5a, Acceptance of Minutes. Dr. Alicia Barber made the motion to approve the minutes of November 29, 2018. Member de la Garza seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (5a)
5. The Chair took Item 5b, Acceptance of Minutes. Dr. Doris Dwyer made the motion to approve the minutes of November 30, 2018. Member de la Garza seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (5b)
6. The Chair took Item 6, Calendar for Next Meeting. Dr. Doris Dwyer made a motion to have the September meeting in Carson City at the railroad museum on September 6, 2019. Member de la Garza seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (6b)
7. The Chair took Item 7a1, Nominations to the State Registers of Historic Places. Battle Mountain Grammar School, Battle Mountain, Lander County. Jim Bertolini gave a brief description and took questions. Dr. Alicia Barber made a motion to accept the nomination of the Battle Mountain Grammar School to the State Register of Historic Places. Member Petersen seconded. Member Hoferer opposed. Motion carried. (7a1)
8. The Chair took Item 7a2, Nominations to the State Registers of Historic Places. Oats Park Grammar School, Fallon, Churchill County. Jim Bertolini gave a brief description and took questions. Robert Ostrovsky made a motion to accept the nomination of the Oats Park Grammar School to the State Register of Historic Places. Member Dwyer seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (7a2)
9. The Chair took Item 7b1, Nominations to the National Registers of Historic Places. Maine Street Historic District, Fallon, Churchill County. Jim Bertolini gave a brief description and took questions. Dr. Doris Dwyer made a motion to accept the nomination of the Maine Street Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places. Member Petersen seconded. Member Hoferer opposed. Motion carried. (7b1)
10. The Chair took Item 8a, Agency Reports, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs. Brenda Nebesky, Interim Director, distributed to the board members for their review the Travel Nevada visitor guide, Brand USA, and the Cultural Traveler featuring the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Transcontinental. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8a)
11. The Chair took Item 8b, State Historic Preservation Office. Rebecca Palmer was available for questions and comments. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8b)
12. The Chair took Item 8b1, State Historic Preservation Office, special item. Jim Bertolini gave a power point presentation of refresher training on the role of the Board in NRHP/SHRP nominations and informed the Board on the NR/SR status report update. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8b1)
13. The Chair took Item 8c, Division of Museums and History. Peter Barton announced his intention to retire from State service in calendar year 2019. Barton will not be attending the June Board meeting as he will be on vacation at that time. Mr. Barton offered information on AB 44 – Stewart Indian School Cultural Center/NIC Administrator, AB 84 – Conservation Bond Act Reauthorization, AB 96 – Historic Passport Program, AB 152 – Cultural Resource Protection Act, AB 160 – Changes to NV Commission on Tourism, AB 178 – Transferrable Historic Tax Credits, AB 214 – NV State Prison Feasibility Study, SB 64 - \$15 million General Funds for Expansion of NSRM-BC, SB 181 – Reinstate Sales

- on NV 150 License Plate. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8c1a-i) Mr. Barton continued with other Legislative matters, CIP and budget report as well as Museums for All, IMLS Initiative and the Personnel Report. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8c2-4)
14. The Chair took Item 8d, Public Information Officer. Guy Clifton reported on the Transcontinental Railroad exhibit and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the US Mint. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8d)
  15. The Chair took Item 8e1, Nevada Historical Society. Mr. Barton mentioned that Catherine Magee was contacted by C-SPAN regarding their 2019 C-SPAN City Tour which would be coming to Reno. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8e1)
  16. The Chair took Item 8e2, Nevada State Museum, Carson City. Mercedes de la Garza made a motion to waive the admission fees for "Lei Day" celebration of Hawaiian culture on Saturday, April 27, 2019. Member Barber seconded. Motion carried without dissent. Dr. Alicia Barber made a motion to approve the request for \$30,000 in category 48 to support the activities related to the production of a special Mint 150 medallion and functions related thereto. Member de la Garza seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (8e2a-b)
  17. The Chair took Item 8e3a, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City. This item was taken out of order. Jan Petersen made a motion to approve the contract with Complete Millwork Services, Inc., in the amount of \$34,386 for cabinetry and associated construction for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad exhibit. Member de la Garza seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (8e3a)
  18. The Chair took Item 8e4, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City. This item was taken out of order. Mr. Barton reported on the pajama train and the need for a bigger facility. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8e4)
  19. The Chair took Item 8e5, East Ely Railroad Depot. Mr. Barton stated that the maintenance repair worker position is hopefully going to be restored during legislation. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8e5)
  20. The Chair took Item 8e6, Lost City Museum. Mr. Barton stated that the curator of exhibits is in the final hiring stages. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (8e6)
  21. The Chair took Item 8e7, Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas. Dr. Doris Dwyer made a motion to approve the request for deaccession of 109 items from the Costume & Textile Collection through a variety of means. Members de la Garza seconded. Motion carried without dissent. Dr. Alicia Barber made a motion to accept the deaccession of photographs from the John Running collection [VM-2012-068] to the Cline Library in Northern Arizona University where the bulk of this collection is managed. Member de la Garza seconded. Motion carried without dissent. Mercedes de la Garza made a motion to deaccession excess copies of 1959 Las Vegas High School yearbook [VM-2010-014] to the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association in exchange for 1970, 1989 and 2006 yearbooks not in the museums current collection. Member Petersen seconded. Motion carried without dissent. Discussion was held regarding Friends of Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas. No action was taken. Dr. Doris Dwyer made a motion to approve the request for category 48 funding in the amount of \$2,976 to support American Library Association annual conference attendance for Crystal Van Dee, curator of manuscripts, in Washington D.C. the month of June 2019. Member de la Garza seconded. Member Timmons opposed. Motion carried. (8e7a-e)
  22. The Chair took Item 9a, Collections. Mr. Barton informed the board regarding the IMLS summary report on the national museum collection. Discussion was held. No action was taken. Mr. Barton also reported on the status of the Lost City Museum collection status update. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (9a1-2)
  23. The Chair took Item 9b, Strategic Planning. There was nothing to report. (9b)

24. The Chair took Item 9c, Major Donor. There was nothing to report. (9c)
25. The Chair took Item 9d, Facility Rental. There was nothing to report. (9d)
26. The Chair took Item 9e1, Finance. This item was taken out of order. Robert Ostrovsky was available for the Morgan Stanley report and the monthly detail reports for October – December 2018. Discussion was held. No action was taken. It was determined that the Finance Committee would meet May 14, 2019, at noon. (9e1-2)
27. The Chair took Item 9f, Membership. Bryan Allison shared with the board the results of the Membership Committee meeting that was held January 16, 2019 and March 6, 2019. Mr. Allison made a motion to approve modifying the membership policy to eliminate the student category and define the senior category as ages 62 and older. Member Dwyer seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (9f3a-b) Mr. Allison made a motion to approve free admission for anyone with a valid student or school identification. Member Petersen seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (9f4a) (9f1-9)
28. The Chair took Item 9g, Museum Store. Mr. Allison reported to the board the outcome of the Museum Store Committee meeting that was held January 29, 2019. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (9g)
29. The Chair took Item 9h, Marketing & Technology. Seth Schorr reported to the board the outcome of the Marketing & Technology Committee meeting that was held January 29, 2019. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (9h)
30. The Chair took Item 9i, East Ely Railroad Depot Museum. Mr. Barton stated that legal review is still being sought. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (9i)
31. The Chair took Item 9j, Nevada Historical Society *Quarterly*. This item was taken out of order. Dr. Barber updated the board on the status of the Nevada Historical Society *Quarterly*. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (9j)
32. The Chair took Item 9k, Nevada State Prison. This item was taken out of order. The report was discussed during the legislation bill updates. (9k)
33. The Chair took Item 9l, Nevada Historical Society Relocation. Mr. Barton informed the board on the status of the relocation of the Nevada Historical Society. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (9l)
34. The Chair took Item 10a1, Changes approved by Division Administrator. Informational only. Discussion was held. No action was taken. (10a1)
35. The Chair took Item 10b1, Changes requested from the Board over \$5,000. Anthony Timmons made the motion to approve \$23,000 for Budget Account 5036, Nevada State Museum, Carson City, RGL 3872 to adjust the authority of \$68,000. This resulting from increased activity in the Coin Press medallion program. Member Barber seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (10b1)
36. The Chair took Item 10b2, Changes requested from the Board over \$5,000. Dr. Alicia Barber made a motion to approve the increase Budget Account 5037, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, RGL 4251, Gifts and donations, by \$200,000 to an adjusted authority of \$205,713. Member de la Garza seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (10b2)
37. The Chair took Item 10b3, Changes requested from the Board over \$5,000. Dr. Alicia Barber made a motion to approve the increase to Budget Account 5037, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, RGL 4265 Private Grants, by \$5,000 to an adjusted authority of \$17,000. Member de la Garza seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (10b3)
38. The Chair took Item 10b4, Changes requested from the Board over \$5,000. Dr. Doris Dwyer made a motion to approve the increase in Budget Account 5037, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, RGL 4025 by \$12,150 to an adjusted authority of \$112,150. This was requested in order to provide additional museum store inventory for

- upcoming exhibits and events. Member Timmons seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (10b4)
39. The Chair took Item 10b5, Changes requested from the Board over \$5,000. Dr. Doris Dwyer made a motion to approve the increase in authority in Budget Account 5039, Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas, RGL 4025 by \$20,000 to an adjusted authority of \$57,077. This action was taken to allow for increased museum store inventory purchases. Member Petersen seconded. Motion carried without dissent. (10b5)
  40. The Chair took Item 11, Consent Agenda. Dr. Doris Dwyer made a motion to accept the restricted funds of \$750 from the family of Robert Stoldal for the Nevada Historical Society Phil Earl Memorial Fund. Member Barber seconded. The Chair abstained. Motion carried. (11)
  41. The Chair took Item 12, Board Member Comment on Non-agendized items. There were no comments. (12)
  42. The Chair took Item 13, Future Museum Board Agenda Items. Nothing specific was requested. (13)
  43. The Chair took Item 14, Public Comment. There was no public comment. (14)
  44. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 3:20pm for March 20, 2019.