

Ontario Museum of History & Art Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2024

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CALL TO ORDER

President Chris Kueng called the Museum Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Kueng

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	President	Chris Kueng
	Board Member	Shannon Gerstheimer
		Jerry Weems
		Christian Garcia
	Council Liaison	Debra Dorst-Porada
	Museum Associate Liaison	Leslie Sherwood-James
	Museum, Arts & Culture Director	Marissa Kuceck
	Education Curator	Miriam Valle-Mancilla
	Administrative Assistant	Veronica Padilla
ABSENT:	Board Member	Rick Caughman
	Executive Director	Helen McAlary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 28, 2023, minutes were approved by a 4-0 vote with a motion from Board Member Shannon Gerstheimer and a second from Board Member Christian Garcia.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON DEBRA DORST-PORADA

Council Liaison Debra Dorst-Proada thanked and congratulated Director Marissa Kuceck on two years of service.

STAFF REPORTS

Director Report

Museum, Arts & Culture Director, Marissa Kuceck

Exhibitions: Director Kuceck highlighted the working title "Art of Healing" Exhibition, which will open at the end of June 2024.

Education: Director Kuceck went over programs for this coming month; *That's a Wrap* and *First Thursdays*.

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Collections: Director Kuccheck gave an update on the Collections team inventory process.

Conduit: Director Kuccheck discussed that Guest Curator Debra Scacco has been doing media coverage on FM radio stations.

Culture Fest: Director Kuccheck stated that the date for Culture Fest has been moved to May 11, 2024.

Staff Report

Curator of Education, Miriam Valle-Mancilla

Curator Miriam Valle-Mancilla went over the Museum's work with contractor Ascending Edge evaluation, which included formative and summative assessment for the *Built on Water* exhibit. The purpose of the assessment was to analyze different ways we can measure visitor experience and use the information to inform future exhibit development.

Museum, Arts & Culture Director Marissa Kuccheck

Arts and Economic Prosperity 6, AEP6, is a survey that is done every five years. The Ontario Museum of History & Art participated in this survey for the first time, so that they could look back at the data for comparison in future iterations and track growth. The survey was able to find out if people were traveling from outside of Ontario to visit arts and culture events and measured the social and economic impact of the events.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MUSEUM ASSOCIATES COMMENTS

Museum Associate Liaison Leslie Sherwood-James commented on the surveys that were conducted, she stated that she enjoyed hearing the results. Museum Associate Liaison Sherwood-James also mentioned that there is a new Museum Associate board member, Andrea Galvan.

MUSEUM BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS

President Chris Kueng was very impressed with the presentations from Director Kuccheck and Curator Valle-Mancilla. He would like to compliment the staff for taking the steps to extract information, synthesize it, analyze it, and then present it.

Board Member Shannon Gerstheimer appreciated the fact that The Ontario Museum of History & Art is invested in the people who come into the museum and are willing to listen to them and take notes to improve.

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Board Member Jerry Weems thanked Director Kuchek and Curator Valle-Mancilla for a great presentation.

Board Member Christian Garcia appreciates that the surveys were conducted and how they will help in the future. Board Member Garica would like to see a more in-depth survey.

President Kueng closed the meeting in memory of Dr. Patrick King.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

NEXT MEETING

February meeting cancelled

Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 6:00 PM in Historic Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Christian Garcia with a second by Board Member Jerry Weems with a 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Submitted:



Veronica Padilla
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:



Chris Kueng
President