

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

Page 1 of 3

CALL TO ORDER

President Chris Kueng called the Museum Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:02 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Kueng

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	President	Chris Kueng
	Board Member	Shannon Gerstheimer
		Jerry Weems
	Council Liaison	Debra Porada
	Museum Associates Liaison	Leslie Sherwood-James
	Museum, Arts & Culture Director	Marissa Kuchek
	Administrative Assistant	Veronica Padilla
ABSENT:	Executive Director	Helen McAlary
	Board Member	Rick Caughman
	Board Member	Christian Garcia

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 25, 2024, minutes were approved by a 3-0 vote with a motion from Board Member Shannon Gerstheimer and a second from Board Member Jerry Weems.

Comments: President Pro tem Gerstheimer mentioned that she would like to see City Council Liaison Debra Porada's comments about the artists presentation

Action: Revise June 25, 2024 minutes to include the above mention.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON DEBRA PORADA

Council Liaison Debra Porada would like to encourage everyone to eat at the restaurants in the downtown area.

STAFF REPORTS

Director Report

Museum, Arts & Culture Director, Marissa Kuchek

Director Kuchek went over division updates:

Ontario Museum of History & Art Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2024

Page 2 of 3

The Collection team has successfully completed 92% of the fiscal year 2023-2024 Agency Strategic Objectives, including 50% completion of off-site storage and other areas. This year, the team inventoried almost 1700 items, and Director Kuchek commended them for their achievements. Furthermore, the team has renewed their loans for *Built on Water* for an additional five years.

The Education team organized a program featuring Sumi Foley for Studio Saturday and held a mindful art-making class with Cailyn Yorba-Ruiz. Additionally, they participated in outreach events such as Funtopia and conducted a training on Visual thinking strategies.

The Exhibits teams will be working on the Día Exhibition which will be happening alongside the *Art of Healing* Exhibition. The Día Exhibition will take place in gallery 4.

Staff Report

Museum, Arts & Culture Director, Marissa Kuchek

Director Kuchek presented the budget for the fiscal year 2024-25, outlining the Ontario Museum of History & Art's commitment to aligning with the City Council's goals. The Arts & Culture's budget has been relocated to a different cost center to provide support for the Event Coordinator in organizing annual events, such as Culture Fest and The Ontario Arts Festival. Additionally, Director Kuchek provided a comprehensive overview of each division's budget for the upcoming year.

City Council Liaison Debra Porada inquired about the revenue generated during the Ontario Open. Museum Associate Liaison Leslie Sherwood-James explained that the Ontario Open spans approximately 10 weeks and serves as a fundraiser for the Museum Associates. However, she was unable to provide an exact figure at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MUSEUM ASSOCIATES COMMENTS

Museum Associate Liaison, Leslie Sherwood-James stated that the Museum Associates are excited to work with their new Consultant. Museum Associate Liaison Sherwood-James also shared that they will hold a museum store sale during the next Art Walk on August 17.

MUSEUM BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Board Member Jerry Weems commented that he enjoys seeing the outreach and that the Ontario Museum of History & Art is focusing on tours for kids to broaden their knowledge of museums.

Ontario Museum of History & Art Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2024

Page 3 of 3

President Pro tem Shannon Gerstheimer is encouraged by the overall direction that the Ontario Museum of History & Art is going.

President Chris Kueng commented that the museum is going in the right direction and is excited to see what is ahead.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 6:00 PM in Historic Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Gerstheimer with a second by Board Member Weems with a 3-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

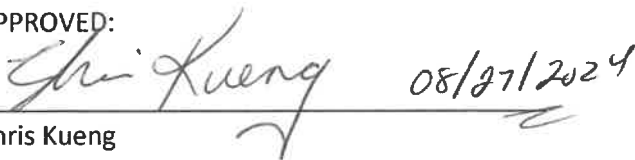
Submitted:



Veronica Padilla

Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:



Chris Kueng

President