

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MUSCATINE ART CENTER**
June 19, 2025

Present: Mark Latta, Aarzoo Baharani, David Meloy, Diana Tank, and Vince Lawson

Present On the phone: Kathleen Halmeyer and Mark Post

Absent: Sara Fitzer-Huston and Mark Seaman

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Latta at 12:00 PM.

Minutes: Minutes of the May 15, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees were reviewed and discussed. There was a motion to amend the May minutes to include the new board members and their terms. Moved/seconded (Lawson/Meloy) to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Bills for Approval: Bills in the amount of \$10,405.25 were presented, reviewed, and discussed. Moved/seconded (Lawson/Halmeyer) to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Credit Card for Approval: A credit card in the amount of \$11.80 was presented, reviewed, and discussed. Moved/seconded (Baharani/Meloy) to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Long-Range Planning:

Alexander presented May 15th on the agreement with BNIM. There was no discussion by the City Council at that time.

Finance & Budget:

No report.

Collections:

Alexander, Cooper, and Carver are working on the deaccessioning project of grading the items in the collection.

Grant Wood's Bather Triptych has an improved frame and was cleaned. It will be on view in the Midwest Icons exhibition opening September 18, 2025.

Building & Grounds:

No report

Community Engagement

Over June 5, 6, and 7, Muscatine hosted the annual Preserve Iowa Summit. The Director's presentation on the Japanese Garden was well received. The Muscatine Art Center hosted the conference reception which was well attended.

Family and friends of Jim Burr are gathering at Contrary Brewing on Wednesday, June 25th from 4 to 6 p.m. Muscatine Art Center staff will attend, and all members of the board are encouraged to drop by.

The Annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, June 29th. This year's entertainment is Pandelirium (steel drum band from University of Iowa). Metro Mix Chorus will sing during intermission. Four local artists will demonstrate plein air painting throughout the event. Artist Tim Schiffer will greet visitors in his exhibit space on the second floor of the historic house.

The July – August – September newsletter is in the process of being finalized. The newsletter includes information for the next exhibition, "Midwest Icons," opening on September 18th. The opening date will also serve as the 60th anniversary event. Kimble Bromley will attend the event to unveil his painting of the garden, and some special remarks are being planned.

Artist Laura Palmer has completed five coloring pages based on the Muscatine Art Center's collection, the historic house, the Japanese Garden, the Prayer of Peace, and Expressive Spirit. The pages will be used with summer school students, kids' tours, outreach events, and events like the Ice Cream Social.

Personnel:

Incoming board members participated in an orientation session on June 10th. Current and ongoing members Vince Lawson and David Meloy also attended. Incoming board members were provided with a binder of core documents, project related documents, a list of board members for 2025-26, and the proposed list of committee assignments.

The Summer Collections Intern is funded by the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust as part of the Collections Management Project while the Summer Education is funded by the Arts Dollars grant through Quad City Arts. Both interns began the week of June 2.

The Director will be on vacation July 1-16.

Director's Report: In Packet

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Next Board meeting – July 17, 2025 at 12:00 P.M.

Adjourn:

Moved/seconded by (Baharani/Tank) to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Aarzoo Baharani
Secretary
Muscatine Art Center Board of Trustees