

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MUSCATINE ART CENTER**
July 17, 2025

Present: Mark Seaman, Kelsie Foley, Mark Post, Diana Tank, Rebecca Schmertman, and Vince Lawson.

Present On the phone: Kathleen Halmeyer and Laurie Johnson

Absent: David Meloy

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

New Board Members were welcomed and introductions were made.

There was a motion by Post to approve the proposed slate of officers for 2025-26. Mark Seaman, President; David Meloy, Vice President; Kathy Halmeyer, Treasurer; and Vince Lawson, Secretary. Seconded by Schmertman. Motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes of the June 19, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees were reviewed and discussed. Moved/seconded (Tank/Halmeyer) to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Bills for Approval: Bills in the amount of \$21,933.67 were presented, reviewed, and discussed. Moved/seconded (Lawson/Tank) to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Credit Card for Approval: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Long-Range Planning:

Seaman met with the Mayor and the BNIM contract was discussed.

Finance & Budget:

Notification was received that the annual CLP grant award of \$15,000 will be granted for 2025-26. Some additional requirements for submitting reimbursement requests and acknowledging the grant are now required.

Collections:

Alexander, Cooper, and Carver are working in the process of developing new guidelines to grade the collection, helping determine priorities for conservation and identify possible objects to review for deaccession.

Building & Grounds:

No report

Community Engagement

July 11th is the last day for the Muscatine Art Center staff to provide fieldtrips and programs to SPARK summer school. The week of July 14th is busy with Footliters musical camp with the public performance on Friday, July 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Muscatine High School auditorium.

The 60th anniversary event will be held on September 18th from 5 to 7 p.m. The Midwest Icons exhibition will open on that day.

Staff has selected the artwork for the Midwest Icons exhibition which will open on September 18th.

Muscatine is hosting the Iowa Downtown Conference on August 5th and 6th. Melanie Alexander and Jim Elias will join staff from Iowa Economic Development Authority for a presentation on public art.

Personnel:

Education Intern, Madelyn Barber and Collections Intern, Salem Shinn will complete their internships in mid-August. Both have been exceptionally helpful to the staff.

The Board Committee assignments were discussed.

Any upcoming Board sessions are yet to be determined.

Director's Report: In Packet

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Next Board meeting – August 21, 2025 at 12:00 P.M.

Adjourn:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Lawson
Secretary
Muscatine Art Center Board of Trustees