



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA

Monday, February 23, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room

425 N. Richardson Ave.

Roswell, NM 88201

Members: Jane Avery, Morgan Breedyk, Nancy Fleming, Tim Hartwick, Katie Huebner, Kay Cargill Jenkins, Nina Leacock, Lindsay Mayo Fincher, Jose Rivera, and Valli West.

City Council Liaison: Councilor Juliana Halvorson

RMAC Staff Coordinator: Caroline Brooks, Museum Director

RMAC Foundation: Raegan Hardy, Executive Director

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

ACTION ITEMS:

C. Approval of Agenda

D. Approval of the January 26, 2026 meeting minutes

E. Consider approval loan of three Goddard artifacts to the Museum of Worcester for a Goddard Centennial exhibition to take place from March 13 through August 31, 2026.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS:

F. Disaster recovery status update

G. Recovery merchandise project update

H. Goddard Centennial overview of activities

I. Strategic Plan Working Group update

J. Discussion of filling board vacancy

K. Director's Report

L. RMAC Foundation Report

M. Chair's Remarks and Board Announcements

N. Public Comment

O. Adjourn

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ROSWELL MUSEUM
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, January 26, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.
Roswell City Hall, 425 N. Richardson Ave.
Roswell, NM 88201

DRAFT DOCUMENT

REGULAR MEETING AT 4:00 p.m.

Notice of this meeting was given to the public in compliance with Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4, NMSA 1978 and Resolution 25-28.

For the Record: Meeting is being streamed live for the public through GoToMeeting.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair West called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 4:13 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Trustees convened with members Valli West, Nancy Fleming, Jose Rivera, Lindsay Fincher, Tim Hartwick, and Kate Huebner (via go2meeting). A quorum was established with and Nina Leacock, Kay Cargill Jenkins, Morgan Breedyk, and Jane Avery and being absent.

City Council members present: Juliana Halvorson

Staff present: Caroline Brooks, Director; Cloe Medrano, Registrar (via go2meeting), Jessica Parham, Educator (via go2meeting), Aaron Wilder, Curator, and Amber Smith, Operation Manager (via go2meeting), Hess Yntema, City Attorney, Timothy Jennings, Mayor.

Community members present: Terri Harber, community member

ACTION ITEMS

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Fincher motioned to **approve the agenda**. Member Fleming was the second. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion passed 6-0, with members Leacock, Jenkins, Breedyk, and Avery being absent.

D. Approval of the November 17, 2025 meeting minutes

Member Fincher motioned to **approve the November 17, 2025 minutes**. Member Fleming was the second A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion passed 6-0, with members Leacock, Jenkins, Breedyk, and Avery being absent.

E. Consider approval of a gift by the artist Beverly Magennis of six sculptures

Member Fleming motioned to **approve the gift by the artist Beverly Magennis of six sculptures.** Member Fincher was the second. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion passed 6-0, with members Leacock, Jenkins, Breedyk, and Avery being absent.

F. Consider approval of a gift by Jim and Kara Kellogg of a Peter Hurd watercolor

Member Fincher motioned to **approve the gift by Jim and Kara Kellogg of a Peter Hurd watercolor.** Member Rivera was the second. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion passed 6-0, with members Leacock, Jenkins, Breedyk, and Avery being absent.

G. Consider approval of the deaccession of a Santa Clara Double-Spouted Jar due to flood damage beyond repair

Member Fleming motioned to **approve the deaccession of a Santa Clara Double-Spouted Jar due to flood damage beyond repair.** Member Rivera was the second. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion passed 6-0, with members Leacock, Jenkins, Breedyk, and Avery being absent.

H. Consider approval of the deaccession Yoshiko Kanai mixed media sculpture titled *Home Sweet Home #2* due to flood damage beyond repair

Member Fleming motioned to **approve the deaccession Yoshiko Kanai mixed media sculpture titled *Home Sweet Home #2* due to flood damage beyond repair.** Member Fincher was the second. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion passed 6-0, with members Leacock, Jenkins, Breedyk, and Avery being absent.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS:

I. Disaster recovery status and temporary move update

Director Brooks informed the board that conservation proposals from Midwest Art Conservation Center and Pacific Coast Conservation are under review for conservation of items that remained in Roswell. Appraisals continue through Freeman Appraisals to determine individual fair market values for approximately 1900 items from the fine art collection.

J. Recovery merchandise project update

Director Brooks informed the board “It’s Your Art” Tea Towels have arrived and are currently on sale. The next project will be a Goddard themed bandanna to “launch” in 2026 in celebration of the rocket pioneer’s historic 1926 launch. Revive Art Restoration in Santa Fe has completed cleaning of 5 works that were on loan at the time of the flood. The works will be picked up and returned to the lenders in February.

K. Goddard Centennial Overview of Activities

Goddard Centennial planning is underway in honor of the 100th anniversary of when physicist and inventor Dr. Robert H. Goddard launched the first successful liquid-fueled rocket, paving the way. The March 14 Celebration will include displays and family-friendly activities presented by the Roswell Museum and organizations, museums, and educational institutions from around the region.

L. Strategic Plan Working Group update and discussion

Director Brooks informed the board; a strategic planning workshop will be occurring in March; it will be a two-day event on a Friday and Saturday. The Roswell Museum and Art Center Foundation is paying for personnel to host the event. The Friday will be with the Roswell Museum staff and the Saturday event will be with the Board of Trustee members, foundation members and the public. The new strategic plan will be replacing the 2023-2028 plan that was outdated due to the flood.

M. Director's Report

Director Brooks informed the board that the current artist in residence Farnaz Shadravan exhibition is currently open at the Anderson Museum. Shadravan left Iran during the 1979 revolution, and is currently based in San Francisco. She employs a wide range of techniques and mediums to create one of-a-kind pieces that explore themes of social injustice and the human condition. January's Second Saturday kick started the "Year of the Rocket" theme for Goddard's Centennial with make-your own "Nell" rockets from recycled materials. On February 14, the Museum will join the Miniatures and Curious Collections Museum and Bone Springs Art Space for the third annual "Triple the Love" event with the theme of "Love You to the Moon and Back."

N. RMAC Foundation Report

Fincher informed the board that the RMAC Foundation board president resigned at the last meeting. The foundation current interim president is Kathy Latimer. The foundation is currently in the process of regrouping. The foundation has agreed to hire a Capital Campaign coordinator.

O. Chair's Remarks and Board Announcements

No Comment.

P. Public Comment

No Comment.

Q. Adjourn

Member Fleming motioned to **adjourn**. Member Fincher was the second. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion passed 6-0, with members Leacock, Jenkins, Breedyk, and Avery being absent.

The meeting adjourned at 5:19p.m.



JANUARY ATTENDANCE

	FY2026	FY2025	FY2024	FY2023
EVENTS/PROGRAMS	145	70		
OUTREACH	-	-		
VOLUNTEER VISITS	6	11		
MUSEUM BUSINESS	-	-		
JANUARY TOTALS	151	81	2,380	1,650
FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS	11,326	10,304	24,680	20,365

JANUARY REVENUES

	FY2026	FY2025	FY2024	FY2023
MEMBERSHIP	75			
STORE	140			
JANUARY TOTALS	215	-	8,226	18,357
FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS	2,318	57,212	97,640	124,310

Please note: Tables were updated in February 2025 to reflect the museum's current closure and categories are those that will be in use during the museum rebuild.

JANUARY PROGRAMMING

EVENTS/PROGRAMS/OUTREACH	OCCURRENCES for MONTH	ATTENDEES	PARTNERSHIPS/SUPPORT
RAiR Talk and Opening	1	85	RAiR Foundation
Second Saturday	1	60	RMAC Foundation and Roswell Public Library
TOTALS	2	145	RMAC Foundation

MEMBERS


117

 current active
memberships

164

 current active
members

 FOR
MONTH

-

new memberships

3

renewals

 FISCAL YEAR
to DATE

-

new memberships

22

renewals

VOLUNTEERS


7.5

volunteer hours


6

volunteer visits

 FOR
MONTH

 FISCAL YEAR
to DATE

596.25

volunteer hours

179

volunteer visits


6,255

 FACEBOOK
FOLLOWERS

1,964

 INSTAGRAM
FOLLOWERS

653

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ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

CURRENT STATUS & CONSERVATION

The Museum is currently closed due to the October 2024 flood with collection recovery and rebuilding estimated at 5 years. Recovery efforts and staff are currently centralized at a temporary location.

- Conservation proposals from Midwest Art Conservation Center and Pacific Coast Conservation are under review for conservation of items that remained in Roswell.
- Examinations are currently being conducted for paintings and works on paper by The Conservation Center for items in Chicago. Batches of treatment reports are expected over the next 6-8 months.
- Appraisals continue through Freeman Appraisals to determine individual fair market values for approximately 1900 items from the fine art collection with 700 items already provided. Staff are scheduling Freeman and Art of the Estate for additional appraisals.
- Revive Art Restoration in Santa Fe completed cleaning of 5 artworks that were on loan at the time of the flood. The works were picked up and returned to the lenders in early February.

GODDARD CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Goddard Centennial Celebration will take place on Saturday, March 14 from 10 am to 3 pm at Goddard High School (701 E. Country Club Rd.). The all-ages event will include Goddard-themed displays, family-friendly activities, and rocket launches presented by the Roswell Museum and organizations, museums, and educational partners from around the region. The event is supported by Xcel Energy, Leprino, Pioneer Bank and the RMAC Foundation with in-kind support by Civil Air Patrol, Roswell Independent School District, Dion's, HTeaO, Dunkin Donuts, Albertson's Market, and Starbucks.

Participating groups include Civil Air Patrol, Explora, New Mexico Space History Museum, Xcel Energy, the Miniatures and Curious Collections Museum, Walker Aviation Museum, Historical Society for Southwest New Mexico, ENMU-Roswell STEM, National Championship Air Races

STEM Discovery Zone, ENMU-Roswell Aviation Maintenance Technology, Roswell Astronomy Club, Wings for Life, Roswell Galacticon, and Roswell 250, among others.

COMMEMORATIVE LAUNCH

On Monday, March 16, a commemorative model rocket launch and mayoral proclamation will take place at Goddard's original launch site and broadcast on Facebook Live. The launch will take place 100 years following Robert Goddard's historic first-successful liquid propellant rocket launch on March 16, 1926 in Auburn, Massachusetts. His success led to funding by the Guggenheim Foundation, and the opportunity to devote his full attention to rocket development in Roswell, New Mexico. The launch time and further details will be announced the week prior to the launch.

RAIR OPENING

An exhibition by artist-in-residence Ash Eliza Williams will open Friday, March 6 at the Anderson Museum with an artist talk at 5:30 pm followed by a reception. Williams grew up in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Southwest Virginia and makes work about interspecies communication. Williams has exhibited widely, including at the Museum of Contemporary Art Denver, the National Center for Atmospheric Research, Chautauqua Institute, Kunstmuseum Hersbrück, and The New York Hall of Science. Williams often works with scientists, including collaborations and research projects at Shoals Marine Laboratory, The Museum of Comparative Zoology, and McDonald Observatory. The exhibition will continue through April 19, 2026.

The Roswell Museum partners with the RAIR Foundation in the presentation of the exhibitions, which are held at the Anderson Museum during the Roswell Museum's recovery.

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

The Strategic Plan Working Group, made up of staff and board members, continue plans for an interim strategic plan and workshop to replace the 2023-2028 plan due to the flood. The workshop is being planned for April 18 and will be

facilitated by Santa Fe-based consultant Sabrina Pratt. The plan will focus on goals and objectives during the closure while working toward a rebuild. The workshop will be open to the public. This project is supported by the RMAC Foundation.

SECOND SATURDAYS

On February 14, the Museum joined the Miniatures and Curious Collections Museum and Bone Springs Art Space for the third annual "Triple the Love" event with the theme of "Love You to the Moon and Back" with Valentine's Day card making and crafts. The March 14 Second Saturday will be combined with the Goddard Centennial Celebration at Goddard High School and will not be taking place at the Library that month.

STAFFING REDUCTION

The museum underwent a Reduction in Force (RIF) in mid-February with the departure of 2 part-time and 4 full-time staff, leaving 4 full-time positions in place. The reduction stemmed from the October 2024 flood and subsequent temporary closure of the museum. The City will re-evaluate staffing levels once a reopening timeline is known. We deeply thank the staff members for their years of service and extend best wishes in their next endeavors.

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

A committee with the RMAC Foundation has formed to support a capital campaign and the museum rebuild in partnership with the City.