



ROSWELL MUSEUM
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, February 23, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.
Roswell City Hall, 425 N. Richardson Ave.
Roswell, NM 88201

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 was not 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 4:05 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, Nina Leacock, Kay Cargill Jenkins, and Morgan Breedyk. A quorum was established with Kate Huebner and Jane Avery being absent.

City Council members present: Not present

Staff present: Caroline Brooks, Director; Cloe Medrano, Registrar, Jessica Parham, Educator, and Aaron Wilder, Curator.

Community members present: None present

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 8-0, with members Huebner and Avery being absent.

D. Approval of the January 26, 2026 meeting minutes

Member Fincher motioned to **approve the January 26, 2026 minutes with two grammatical corrections in section B and N**. Member Fleming was the second. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion passed 8-0, with members Huebner, and Avery being absent.

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.

Member Fleming motioned to **approve the loan of three Goddard artifacts to the Museum of Worcester for a Goddard Centennial exhibition to take place from March 13, 2026 through August 31, 2026.** Member Fincher was the second. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion passed 8-0, with members Huebner, and Avery being absent.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS:

F. Disaster recovery status and temporary move update

Director Brooks informed the board 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. Further, 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. And examinations are currently being conducted for paintings and works on paper by The Conservation Center for items in Chicago.

G. Recovery merchandise project update

Director Brooks informed the board that Goddard bandannas have arrived and are currently on sale for \$18 plus tax at Bone Springs, and the Miniature Museum. The bandanna honors the “launch” in 2026 in celebration of the rocket pioneer’s historic 1926 launch.

H. 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. The Celebration will take place March 14, 2026 from 10 AM – 3 PM at Goddard High School. The event includes displays and family-friendly activities presented by the Roswell Museum and organizations, museums, and educational institutions from around the region.

I. Strategic Plan Working Group update and discussion

Director Brooks informed the board; a strategic planning workshop will be occurring on April 17 & 18, 2026; it will be a two-day event on a Friday and Saturday. The Roswell Museum and Art Center Foundation is paying for the Santa Fe-based consultant Sabrina Pratt to host the event. The Friday event will be with the Roswell Museum staff. 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.

J. Director’s Report

Director Brooks informed the board that artist-in-residence Ash Eliza Williams will open Friday, March 6, 2026 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. 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 2026. On Monday, March 16, 2026 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.

K. RMAC Foundation Report

Hardy informed the board that the RMAC Foundation is currently meeting with a capital campaign organization and hoping to hire one in the next couple of weeks. The fundraising committee is meeting this month to organize a small event for fall 2026.

L. Chair's Remarks and Board Announcements

West informed the board of the Student Artist Exhibition 2026 happening at the Anderson Museum of Contemporary Art, from March 12, 2026 - April 1, 2026. This exhibition is organized by the Roswell Independent School District for students attending middle schools and high schools in Roswell.

M. CHAIR'S REMARKS AND BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

N. Public Comment

Medrano informed the board her last day on site as the Roswell Museum Registrar is March 12, 2026.

O. Adjourn

Member Fleming motioned to **adjourn**. Member Fincher was the second. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion passed 8-0, with members Huebner, and Avery being absent.