



MEETING MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

February 25, 2026

Art Pick Council Chambers, 3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522

Board Members Present

Cynthia Zdilor, Chair
Richard Cardullo, Vice-Chair
Luz Negrón Bermo
Julie Bjork
Anna Gaissert
Sharon Tennell

Museum Staff Present

Robyn G. Peterson, Museum Director
Toni Kinsman, Sr. Office Specialist
Jennifer Dickerson, Curatorial Svcs. Mgr.
Chantal Downing, Institutional
Advancement Coordinator

Board Members Absent

Peggy Barnhart
Luz Negrón Bermo
Mary Carter
Claudia Rodriguez

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Board Chair Zdilor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. This is the portion of the meeting specifically set aside to invite your comments regarding any matter within the Museum of Riverside Board's jurisdiction.

No public eComments received by the 1:00 p.m. deadline. No in-person comment cards received in Chambers. No callers or Zoom speaker requests.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Minutes – February 4, 2026 special meeting

Approved as written.

Motion: Board Member Cardullo
Second: Board Member Tennell
Ayes: All

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

3. Museum of Riverside Strategic Plan Workshop

Museum of Riverside Board reviewed, discussed, and gave suggestions for the 2026-2031 strategic plan draft. Director Peterson reported that no additional major initiatives have been included in the strategic plan due to the ongoing two capital improvement projects

for the Main Museum and Harada House campus as well as pursuing re-accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM).

The final draft of the strategic plan for 2026-2031 will come back to the Museum of Riverside Board in May 2026 for a recommendation to City Council to approve. Because it is a core document required for AAM re-accreditation, governing body approval is required.

COMMUNICATIONS

4. Director's Update regarding the main museum renovation, historic houses, collections, exhibitions and programs, budget, staffing, advisory teams, volunteer and support opportunities, and marketing and communications.

In addition to the submitted written report, Director Peterson reported that Museum staff hope to know by March 2026 if the main museum construction timeline needs to be adjusted due to construction delays. Plans for the basement restroom will be modified to reveal the five-foot bricked-in opening of the steam tunnel in the basement floor. The tunnel was used for steam heating of nearby downtown buildings. This report was received and filed.

5. Board Chair/ Vice-Chair update

No update from Chair Zdilor.

As his term on the Board has ended, Vice-Chair Cardullo thanked the Board and Museum staff for their support over the past four years on the Board and looks forward to continuing his involvement with other Museum activities.

6. Brief reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by Museum of Riverside Board members

Vice-Chair Cardullo visited the Huntington Library's traveling exhibition *Radical Histories: Chicano Prints from the Smithsonian American Art Museum*.

Board member Gaisert visited the Riverside Art Museum Cheech Center's exhibition *Chicano Camera Culture: A Photographic History*.

7. Items for future Museum of Riverside Board consideration as requested by members of the Board. Only items that fall within the powers and duties of the Museum of Riverside as set forth in the City Charter and/or the Riverside Municipal Code will be agendaized for future discussion.

No items at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

The next regular Museum of Riverside Board meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the Art Pick City Council Chambers