

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MUSCATINE ART CENTER
January 20, 2026

Present: Mark Post, Diana Tank, Kathleen Haltmeyer, Rebecca Schmertman by phone, Mark Seaman, David Meloy, Vince Lawson, and Laurie Johnson by phone.

Absent: Mark Butterworth

Staff: Lynn Bartenhagen

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

Minutes: Minutes of the December 16, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees were reviewed and discussed. Moved/seconded (Post/Haltmeyer) to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Bills for Approval: Bills in the amount of \$8,068.36 were presented, reviewed, and discussed. Moved/seconded (Haltmeyer/Tank) to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Credit Card for Approval: Credit card bills in the amount of \$48.73 were presented, reviewed, and discussed. Moved/seconded (Lawson/Meloy) to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Credit Card for Approval: Credit card bills in the amount of \$50.57 were presented, reviewed, and discussed. Moved/seconded (Lawson/Meloy) to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Credit Card for Approval: Credit card bills in the amount of \$990.40 were presented, reviewed, and discussed. Moved/seconded (Lawson/Meloy) to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Long-Range Planning:

Seaman met with the City Administrator and they talked about several long-range items.

Finance & Budget:

Budget materials were submitted to City Hall on December 29th. Alexander met with the City Administrator to discuss the Art Center's budget on January 7th and plans to attend the budget presentation on January 31st while out on medical leave.

A grant to Muscatine Charities via the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine was submitted to help fund the summer theater camp for kids program. An Arts Dollars grant to Quad City Arts will be submitted in January with a focus on youth programming.

The Muscatine Art Center is a beneficiary of the William Runyon estate.

Lindsay McCullough, Senior MCR and Foundation Specialist at HNI Corporation, will replace Kevin Skarich on the Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation. The Support Foundation will meet February 18.

Collections:

There is still work going on with the Collection Management Project with the servers.

Building & Grounds:

No report

Community Engagement:

Organized by the Muscatine County Arts Council, this year's Eagles & Ivories series will take place over the week of January 12th. The concerts at the Muscatine Art Center are both held on Saturday, January 17th with the silent film version at Noon followed by a 2:00 p.m. concert.

"Just Crushing: A Demolition Derby" display created by University of Iowa students is on view from January 8th through March 8th. There was a reception on January 10th and a workshop for kids on February 21st.

Three special programs have been organized before the close of the Midwest Icons exhibition. Sponsored by the Humanities Iowa Speakers Bureau, Tom Milligan will present a one-man show on Grant Wood on February 7th. Carol Anthony will lead a guided discussion in the exhibition space on February 15th. Author Sandra Lee Hudson will give a presentation on Grant Wood and Hollywood on February 22nd.

The "Midwest Icons" exhibition closes on February 22nd, and the Civil War opens on March 19th. The hologram of Civil War soldier Daniel Parvin will be installed on the second floor of the Stanley Gallery.

Personnel:

Alexander is out on medical leave beginning January 14th, and her return work day is tentatively February 4.

Director's Report: In Packet

Unfinished Business:**New Business:**

Next Board meeting – February 17, 2026 at 12:00 P.M.

Adjourn:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Lawson
Secretary
Muscatine Art Center Board of Trustees