

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MUSCATINE ART CENTER
February 17, 2026**

Present: Mark Post, Diana Tank, Kathleen Haltmeyer, Rebecca Schmertman, Mark Seaman, David Meloy, Vince Lawson, and Mark Butterworth.

Absent: Laurie Johnson.

Staff: Melanie Alexander

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

Minutes: Minutes of the January 20, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees were reviewed and discussed. Moved/seconded (Haltmeyer/Butterworth) to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Bills for Approval: Bills in the amount of \$2,577.51 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:

No Report

Finance & Budget:

Alexander gave a short report to the City Council for budget. Mark Butterworth also added a few words.

An Arts Dollars grant to Quad City Arts was submitted at the end of January, with a focus on youth programming.

The Muscatine Art Center received a check from the William Runyon estate.

The Support Foundation will meet February 18, at noon at the Art Center to review the budget to actual financials from 2025 and the proposed budget for 2026. A board financial overview session was proposed for April.

Collections:

Some collections are now viewable at muscatineartcenter.org. More work needs to be done to better integrate the online collections portal with the website.

Building & Grounds:

There was discussion on rentals and rental fees for the Muscatine Art Center facilities.

Community Engagement:

The Muscatine County Arts Council had an increase in responses to the call for artists for the Art Array exhibition. This is the first year that work will be declined due to the lack of space. The exhibition will be on view from March

19th through May 31st with the reception on March 19th starting at 5:00 p.m. Awards for first, second, and third will be announced.

The installation of the Muscatine and the Civil War exhibition is a large undertaking. The gallery will be in transition for several weeks to set up the Civil War show. Public programming connected to the Civil War will begin in April. Staff is also working on school fieldtrip activities.

Personnel:

Director's Report: In Packet

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

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

Adjourn:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Lawson
Secretary
Muscatine Art Center Board of Trustees