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MUSEUM AND CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Date: November 20, 2025
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: Zoom & Mesa Arts Center South Conference Room

◇ Results ◇

1. Items from citizens present: There were no members of the public present.
2. Introduction of New Director of Arts & Culture Luis Ruiz
3. Approval of Minutes from the regular September 25, 2025 meeting: Karen Rolston motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Todd Hanle seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written and they will be posted to the city's website.
4. Discuss: Proposed Fees & Charges Rates – Andrew Douglas, Director of Ticketing, Mesa Arts Center and Jarrad Bittner, Museum Administrator, idea Museum: Andrew Douglas presented a plan from staff to introduce an add-on ticket insurance fee that patrons could opt-in or opt-out of that would be in alignment with other ticketing entities in the valley and nationwide. The Board unanimously supported this staff recommendation to move forward. Jarrad Bittner presented a plan from staff to modestly increase admission fees from \$10-\$12.
5. Upcoming Events, Volunteer, or Participation Opportunities: Staff shared upcoming events with the Board.
6. Discuss projects or presenters of interest and report on events attended: Karen Rolston recommended inviting Susan Ricci, Executive Director of Mesa Historical Museum, to present to the Board.
7. Adjourn

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, January 22, 2026 – hybrid meeting on zoom and at Mesa Arts Center South Conference Room, 1 E Main St., Mesa AZ, 85201