

## Minutes

### Museum Advisory Board

August 21, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

1. The meeting was called to order by Marcus Embry at 4:03 p.m.

Board Present: Marcus Embry, George Junne, Emma Pena-McCleave, Nancy Masimer, Scott Chartier, Michael Weiland.

Board Absent: Omar Munoz

Guest Presenter: Tim Beckman

Citizen: Cinque Mason

Staff Present: Betsy Kellums, Holly Berg, JoAnna Stull, Megan Weiler, Kristjana Eyjlfosson, Brecklyn Everhart.


2. Approval of the July 2025 Museum Advisory Board minutes.  
The July 2025 minutes were approved without correction.
3. Arts Legacy Presentation: Tim Beckman showed a video found on the Greeley Arts Legacy website, and presented to the board the opportunity for the upcoming Induction on October 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
4. Reports:
  - CPRD Report: The sister city program is starting up again. There will be no budget cuts to the cultural affairs division for 2026.
  - Museums Report
    - Chris Bowles, museums manager, is out of office for the month of August. The new city of Greeley website is live with staff working to update the contents.
    - Exhibits: The exhibits schedule was updated to reflect new exhibit dates.
    - Collections: Prepared materials for the NEH grant application. Helped review and compile what's needed for new Museum's website.
    - Historic Sites: The White-Plumb farm water leak damaged the drywall and laminate.

- Education/Interpretation: Themed weekends are being coordinated by Gus. The last week of History Camp consisted of crafting a living history presentation.
5. Friends of the Greeley Museums Report
- There was no Friends meeting this month.
6. Task Force Reports
- Experience Team: Pursuing an NEH grant and a History Colorado grant. NEH grant is for collections relating to early Union Colony, Dearfield, and the Spanish Colony. The History of Colorado grant is for interpretation. The UNC gallery committee has borrowed the traveling exhibit “Bittersweet Harvest” and will be hosting that in their gallery.
  - Acquisitions Task Force: Turned down the offer for some China and glasses due to an increase in those items already. 1927 Washing Machine with pictures and photocopies of the operations manual. Ledger for lower Latham Reservoir company that was full of facts for that reservoir.
7. Old Business:
- Culture Commission discussion:  
Motion to have a discussion about the proposed culture commission made by Scott Chartier and seconded by Mike Weiland.
    - There was brief discussion about the proposed culture commission. There was a suggestion to postpone this topic until full staff is present to help answer questions. The board agreed.
8. New Business:
- Hybrid meeting discussion
    - There was a suggestion to check on the fact that cameras may have to be on for the duration of the meeting.
9. Comments:
- George Junne presented that Dearfield day is Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Uncovering Dearfield by PBS won a heartland Emmy award. Also, In the New York times there was an article about Horace Greeley living in a certain place in New York and antislavery. There is a possibility that they may want to bring in the writer to Greeley. The descendant of Horace Greeley is putting together a documentary about antislavery.

- Mike Weiland announced his resignation from the Museum board due to his move to Broomfield.

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Next meeting to be held September 18, 2025 at the Greeley History Museum.

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Chris Bowles

Museum Manager

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Marcus Embry

Chair, Museum Advisory Board