



Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes of
Friday, January 23, 2026
2:00 p.m. CT, Via Microsoft Teams

The meeting was called to order at 2:04p.m. and quorum was established.

Attending: Chair Allan Hoover III, First Vice-Chair Steve Howes, Second Vice-Chair Bruce Barnhart, Betsy Corridan & CEO Mundi McCarty, Executive Director of Development & Planned Giving Shelly Mott.

A Hoover called the meeting to order and announced the minutes of November 21, 2025, Executive Committee meeting would stand approved as posted.

Mott provided a campaign fundraising update noting that \$19.9 million of the \$20.3 million goal has been secured, leaving approximately \$403,000 remaining externally, with additional inward campaign needs and a few remaining potential costs under review. Mott shared recent and pending gifts, including the first real estate gift in progress, several major asks in progress, and the strategic engagement of new board members with strong networks. The most significant development discussed was Governor Reynolds' recent notification of support related to the museum project with further details pending and plans to leverage this support to encourage additional private and corporate gifts. Next steps include finalizing named space gift agreements and continuing discussions to address state sales tax considerations.

Hoover reported on the Strategic Planning committee's progress and status. McCarty noted that staff have wrapped up review of the plan and will return comments to the committee. The plan will be shared in draft form to the board during the February 13 virtual board meeting with final recommendation to the board during the April 10 meeting.

Corridan updated the status of the review of the organizations by-laws via a small ad-hoc committee with the intention to present updates at the April 10 board meeting.

McCarty shared that the museum renovation status is approaching a critical time in the project with the completion of the renovation and addition by the general contractor (GC), McComas-Lacina Construction, and the handoff to the design firm, BRC Imagination Arts and their installation and set design vendors. Currently GC predicts a delay in turning over a 'dust free' building the BRC. This could result in additional costs for the project. Increased frequency of status meetings of GC, BRC and subcontractors have been happening for weeks for communication and timeline purposes.

A Hoover noted a recent conversation on the hiring process with representatives from the National Archives as museum director, Dr. Tom Schwartz, notes a summer 2026 planned retirement. To assist NARA in identification of a strong successor, names of potential future candidates may be shared with McCarty.

McCarty and Howes reported that the 17-item blue and white Chinese porcelain collection donated decades ago by the Milbank's has been shipped and received to Sotheby's in New York for inclusion in the March 25 sale of similar items.

New business included the summary of the recent Audit Committee meeting that will result in recommendations to the board for the February 13 virtual board meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mundi McCarty, President & CEO