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**April 10, 2025**

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**Buildings & Properties Committee**  
**DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

Action Taken:

- Motion to approve the December 12, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. (Richard Powers, Kelly Corsette. Motion Approved)
- Motion to adjourn at 9:25 AM. (Richard Powers, Kelly Corsette. Motion Approved)

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**DRAFT**  
**Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order- DeNise Bauer at 9:02 AM**
- 2. Roll Call- DeNise Bauer**
  - a. Present-** Richard Powers, Kelly Corsette
  - b. Absent-** N/A
  - c. Staff-** KD Forgia, Bill Ponder, David Breeckner, Jose Rodriquez
- 3. Minutes** - Discussion and action, if any, to approve the draft minutes of the [December 12, 2024, meeting](#). (Rick Powers, Kelly Corsette. The motion was approved unanimously.)
- 4. Call to the Public – DeNise Bauer**
  - a. No members of the public were present.
- 5. Update on the relocation of AHM - Bill Ponder**
  - a. Community & regional leadership conversations are ongoing.
    - i. The potential location for the new build has been shifted into a new neighborhood association. The association’s board is supportive of the project.
  - b. AHS has opened a dialogue with the Arizona State Museum regarding their facility renovation efforts (est \$50m).
- 6. Status of Oro Belle mine ownership - Sebastian Alt**
  - a. Property at Oro Belle (Bonita) in Yavapai County is under our ownership.
    - i. The agenda item was skipped. The item had been discussed in previous meetings.
- 7. AHS Budget & Government Update - David Breeckner**
  - a. 1/17/25 Governor’s Executive budget
    - i. Base appropriations unchanged: \$2,978,700.
    - ii. Statewide Employee Retention increase: \$51,700
    - iii. CIP Building Renewal funding: \$338,900 (one-time)
  - b. Leg. budget updates
    - i. SB-1017 (Pioneer Museum) has been dropped, after being assigned to the Senate’s Committee on Government. Despite outreach, no response was provided. This would have provided \$359,700 in staffing and operating costs to reopen the facility. The funding request may still be included in the Legislature’s draft budget.
    - ii. HB-2339 (Chapter fundraising) has been dropped, after being assigned to the Senate’s Committee on Government. Despite outreach, no response was provided.
    - iii. No updates as-yet from the Legislature on a proposed timeline for their draft

FY26 budget.

**c. Federal budget updates**

- i. The Federal elimination of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and current, parallel talks involving the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) do not immediately impact AHS operations. However, this reduces future sources of potential Federal funding (grants).

**8. Facilities Update- Jose Rodriguez**

**a. AHM:**

- Cooling tower repairs (leaky seems), replaced corroded and compromised piece of condenser pipe.
- Upgraded burglar alarm system with new board to allow remote supervision and monitoring by AHS staff.
- Replaced Century Link landlines connected to our alarm systems with Cox landlines for reliability reasons.
- Repaired exit door panic locks on double doors connecting staff area to museum.
- Statutory testing of backflow devices.

**b. O’Brown House:**

- Wood repairs on the porch roof of the Brown House have been completed,
- metal roof installed on both roofs will take place next week,
- completion of Brown house roof projects is anticipated by mid February 2025.

**c. AHC:**

- Pavilion roof repair
- Preaction System repairs
- Cell Dialer installed for fire alarm system
- Wheelchair lift install for Steele Auditorium
- Audio upgrades to Steele ( Pending 2nd Bid & 3rd vendor survey)
- Engineer survey for transportation gallery ( pending Survey)

**d. Pioneer:**

- AHS completed and returned a Non-Federal Museum Facilities survey provided by the Federal General Accounting Office (GAO). This survey pre-dates the current Federal changes. AHS will be provided a copy of the National report once it is completed. AHS’ response has been provided as part of this meeting’s packet.

**a. Update: 18-month planned Facilities projects & budgets**

- Currently awaiting ADOA for preaction response
- Finalization of roof/drywall repair at pavilion
- Finalizing Transportation quotes
- Finalizing quotes for Steele Auditorium

- Awaiting 48 Women wheelchair project proposals
- 2 Air Handlers require 6-12 weeks for prep time, still coordinating this project to be completed before summer

**9. Announcements** and considerations in future board or committee meetings.

**a. GOA Servey-** Kelly Corsette

- i. David Breeckner- The survey was initiated two years ago as an exploratory and expansionary study for IMLS. Pioneer Museum was randomly selected for a spot check of the condition of the overall facility, ranging from collections to providing ADA accessibility. This report can give AHS a view on how the site is faring amongst other museums nationally.

**b. AHC (Arizona Heritage Center) closure for HVAC repairs:** May 5 to May 24, 2025

**10. Adjournment- DeNise Bauer at 9:25 AM**

- a. Richard Powers, Kelly Corsette. The motion was approved unanimously.

Arizona Historical Society State Board of Directors  
**DeNise Bauer**, Buildings & Properties Committee Chair

DATE: April 10, 2025

## Buildings & Properties Committee Meeting Schedule

Virtual and 9:00 AM unless announced otherwise

<a href="#">January 9, 2025</a>	<a href="#">July 10, 2025</a>
<a href="#">February 13, 2025</a>	<a href="#">August 14, 2025</a>
<a href="#">March 13, 2025</a>	<a href="#">September 11, 2025</a>
<a href="#">April 10, 2025</a>	<a href="#">October 9, 2025</a>
<a href="#">May 8, 2025</a>	<a href="#">November 13, 2025</a>
<a href="#">June 12, 2025</a>	<a href="#">December 11, 2025</a>