



February 18, 2025

Finance Committee

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Meeting Minutes

- 1. Call to Order- Jim Snitzer at 9:02 AM**
- 2. Roll Call- Jim Snitzer**
 - a. Present- Jim Snitzer, Richard Powers**
 - b. Absent- Bruce Gwynn, Sandy Navarrete**
 - c. Staff- David Breeckner, David Nagelski, KD Forgia**
- 3. Minutes - Discuss and action, if any, to approve the [January 21, 2025, Finance Committee meeting draft minutes](#).**
 - a. Suggested edit: Add “Call to Order” time- 9:02 AM.
 - b. No quorum was established. No action was taken.
- 4. Call to the Public- Jim Snitzer**
 - a. No members of the public were present.
- 5. AHS Financial Update - Sebastian Alt, David Nagelski**
 - a. Update: Investment Fund update – no updates.
 - b. Update: 18-month planned Facilities projects & budgets – no updates.
 - c. Revenue, Expenditures, YTD
 - Revenue: \$2,702,973.82 (planned \$4,471,422)
 - Expenditures: \$2,460,593.57 (planned \$4,955,431)
 - Categories to keep an eye on include rental expenditures and repair/maintenance expenditures. Rental expenditures are due to the cost of rental vehicles, which the operations staff is addressing. Repair/ Maintenance expenditures are notoriously unpredictable. AHS is at 94% of the planned budget due to deferred maintenance projects needing immediate attention. AHS will use Investment funds to cover costs over the next few months. The operations staff is staggering these projects as much as possible and trying to work with ADOA and Risk Management to cost-share wherever possible.

- Richard Powers raised a question about the YTD reporting on “Other External Telecommunications Services.” David Nagelski explained that the expenditure was typical year to year and is part of the Risk Management package provided by the State.

6. Arizona Legislative & Federal Update - David Breeckner

a. SB-1017: Funding for Pioneer Museum

- Bill assigned to Senate Appropriations, Government, and Rules Committees.
- 4 Senate meetings, 3 House meetings held with AHS staff – all yays
 - Notables: Senate President/Rules Chair Petersen & Senate Appropriations Chair Kavanaugh: yays on condition of “member-driven budgets” in FY26 budget negotiations.
 - Pending meetings with Senate Government Chair and House leadership.
- Press & Outreach
 - Press Release sent 1/10/25; 3 newspaper pickups (local northern), 1 eBlast
 - Member/stakeholder Release sent 1/24/25, directing public advocacy toward calls to their Legislators.

b. HB-2339: Changes to Chapters

- This bill would establish a “Historical Society Chapter Building Enhancement Fund” which could be populated through the efforts of AHS’ Chapters.
- Chapters would be empowered to spend from this fund for the purposes of purchasing, maintaining, and operating properties on behalf of AHS.
- AHS is working with the Bill’s sponsor and proponents, as well as with the AHS Board Chapter representatives, to re-draft the bill to align with agency priorities and future operations.

c. SB-1459: Divestiture of Yuma Collections

- Just recently introduced, this bill asserts the right to ownership of Yuma-centric historical materials by the City of Yuma from those held by the County of Yuma, YCHS, and AHS.
- This bill is in conflict with the Deeds of Gift provided to AHS by all past donors.
- AHS is working with Yuma stakeholders to pursue a non-legislative solution that would result in the withdrawal of SB-1459

d. Federal impact considerations

- Two smaller Federal grants AHS had applied to for its Juneteenth event have since been cancelled, citing new Federal DEI policies.
- Otherwise, AHS is presently not directly impacted by any changes to Federal

funding or programs.

7. Development Report- Vince Bradley

a. Development report was shared with the committee.

8. Grants Report- David Nagelski

a. Grants report was shared with the committee.

b. New grants in progress

- The Reed Family Grant ~ \$15,000
- The Thunderbird Charities Grant~ \$3,500
 - AHS has plans to apply for more grants.

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

a. Jim Snitzer- Recruitment of more committee members. Flagstaff area could be a valuable resource for new members.

10. Adjournment- Jim Snitzer at 9:39 AM

Arizona Historical Society State Board of Directors
Jim Snitzer, Finance Chair

DATE: February 18, 2025

Finance Committee Meeting Schedule

9:00 AM and virtual unless announced otherwise

January 21, 2025	July 22, 2025
February 18, 2025	August 19, 2025
March 18, 2025	September 16, 2025
April 22, 2025	October 21, 2025
May 20, 2025	November 18, 2025
June 24, 2025	December 16, 2025