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June 29, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Mission: Connecting people through the power of Arizona's history.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona Historical Society and to the general public that the **Executive Committee** of the Arizona Historical Society State Board of Directors will hold a regularly scheduled meeting, open to the public, on **Monday, June 29, 2026, at Noon.**

*Note: This meeting will be held virtually and is recorded on Zoom. Members of the public interested in participating may register in advance of the meeting.
To register, click the link below.:*

Zoom Registration Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/m9N4eK4aSf27D7oUXOQ26A>

Meeting ID: 811 1455 0169

The Committee may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for any item listed on the agenda, for any statutorily permitted purpose including obtaining legal advice, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

The Committee reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda and recess for breaks as needed. The Committee will discuss and may take action on any of the following items.

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Agenda

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Minutes** - Discussion and action, if any, to approve the draft minutes of the [May 18, 2026. committee meeting.](#)
- 4. Call to the Public** – Those wishing to address the Committee must be recognized by the Chair. Each presentation will be limited to 2 minutes and one person per organization. Committee members may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. At the conclusion of public comment, Committee members may: (1) respond to any criticism, (2) ask staff to study a matter, or (3) ask that the matter be placed on a future Committee meeting agenda.
- 5. Finance Committee update** – Jim Snitzer, David Nagelski
 - a. DRAFT copy of FY28 budget for initial review (See attached)
 - b. No action required this meeting; the Finance Committee will issue its recommendation for the July Ex-Comm and State Board review and approval.
 - c. FY27 budget passed by Legislature & signed by Governor Hobbs
 - See pages 57, 97 (attached)
 - Includes 1.9% cut to AHS' prior-year appropriations (\$59,900)
 - Includes access to an additional \$549,600 via State Parks Revenue Fund (one-time), BUT conditioned on AHS Non-restricted Donations Reserves falling below \$300,000.
- 6. Director's Update** - David Breeckner
 - a. AHC shutdown & repairs
 - Collections materials successfully moved to AHM for storage on Friday, 6/19/26
 - Steele Auditorium flood repairs in final stages; awaiting walkthrough to close out
 - Vendors start preaction work on 7/6/26
 - Capital Development solicitations underway
 - b. End of Year
 - Closeout efforts underway, including CIP, EOY reports, gift shop inventory counts, etc
 - New membership levels go into effect on 7/1/26
 - c. Events
 - Virtual Talk: An Unlikely Springboard: Sandra Day O'Connor's Path from the Arizona Senate to the United States Supreme Court
 - 63 attendees
 - With an additional 12 views in the last 5 days since posting on [Youtube.](#)

- Juneteenth
 - 216 attendees
 - Special attendance by Mayor Woods (Tempe), US Sen. Mark Kelly
 - Included Special Congressional Recognition award by Sen. Kelly to recognize AHS' work with Juneteenth
- July 4/America 250
 - Free day at Pioneer Museum, supported by NAPHS and volunteers with various activities/demonstrations
 - Special \$2.50 admission day at AHM
- Trivia Nights
 - Second trivia night at AHC on 6/26/26
- d. Education & NHD
 - Education staff traveled with students to Washington, DC the week of June 14
 - Results still pending
 - Preserve America Youth Summit high schoolers participated in a workshop at Pioneer Museum, consulting on what can be done to improve the museum ahead of its reopening. Core topics included:
 - Revenue/financial stability
 - Visitor experience & youth engagement
 - Preservation & accessibility
 - Community partnerships
 - Historical narratives & voices
 - Policy & funding
- e. Exhibits
 - Arizona250 exhibit at AHM (inspired by Jaynie Adams article in JAH spring issue)
 - Work continues for Rte 66 exhibit at Pioneer
 - America250 traveling panels on loan from State of Arizona for exhibit in Pavilion at AHC
- f. Staff accomplishments
 - Spring issue of the JAH featured an AHS artifacts highlights article by Jaynie Adams, supported by Collections & Archives. It's received much acclaim and follow-up press and interviews, inspiring the AHM exhibit (above) and a CHI exhibit, and will be featured in an Arizona Daily Star special section on the 250th next week
 - JAH Summer issue is now out. Chris Bradley's photo essay about what AHS did for the Bicentennial in 1976: <https://muse.jhu.edu/pub/325/article/990923>
 - Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) submitted to ADOA.
- g. Staffing Updates
 - Ella Breed's (AHM Archivist) last day is 7/10/26
 - New Facilities Manager (Skillbridge) filled; ETA July 2026
 - Second round interviews for Pioneer Education Curator underway
 - Flagstaff AA3 positions now posted for [applications](#)

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

8. **Adjournment**

Arizona Historical Society State Board of Directors
Kelly Corsette, Executive Committee Chair

DATE: June 25, 2026

Executive Committee Meeting Schedule

Noon and virtual unless announced otherwise

February 23, 2026	August 31, 2026
March 30, 2026	September 28, 2026
April 27, 2026	October 26, 2026
May 18, 2026	November 30, 2026
June 29, 2026	December 28, 2026