



**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
556 W. Maple
Thursday, March 12, 2026
5:00 PM**

Members Present: Kamala Cummings, Eva Kirkman (arrived at 5:07), Marty Logue, Robert Moll, Kristy Barrett (Alternate)
Members Absent: Mike Ableson, Alexandra Harris
Student Representative: Antonia Lawrence
Administration: Museum Director Leslie Pielack
Guests: Museum Assistant Donna Casaceli

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Ms. Logue.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of January 8 2026

MOTION: by Logue, seconded by Barrett:

To approve the minutes of January 8, 2026.

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays, 0

New Business

The Collection Subcommittee is in need of a new member from the Museum Board. Director Pielack reviewed the duties of the subcommittee. There may be only one or two meetings needed this year, depending on items recommended for deaccession by museum staff. Members were asked to consider if they would like to serve when the matter is taken up on the agenda at the next meeting in May. Director Pielack also introduced the City's new Historic Preservation Master Plan, which was included in the packet. She would like to go over museum-related responsibilities that are included in the final plan at the May meeting in more detail.

Unfinished Business

There were no updates to the "What's Your Story?" oral history project. The board reviewed the plan for the museum's participation in the Celebrate Birmingham parade in May, and agreed with the following:

- The Friends are willing to purchase a T-shirt for everyone walking in the parade with a navy blue design with the Birmingham 250 logo on it
- The museum group will walk with the 1924 La France fire engine, which will be towed by one of the larger fire trucks toward the front of the parade
- Signage may be able to hang on the side of the fire truck
- Marchers will carry cut out images of various people in Birmingham history

Communication and Reports

Director Pielack provided an update on the budget timeline; the public budget hearing is April 25, and the City Commission usually approves the final budget in May. The museum has budgeted capital improvement funds for a new front porch slab and for Phase 4 of the park landscape improvements in 2026-2027, and the remaining budget is largely unchanged from previous years. Phase 3 of the landscape improvement plan is currently in the RFP/bidding phase, with several firms showing interest. Bids are due April 15, and we hope to recommend a contractor for the project to the commission at their April 27 meeting. Director Pielack also updated the Museum Board on the special workshop at the museum featuring Yvonne Walker Keshick and her daughter Odeimin Walker Keshick providing instruction in traditional Anishinaabe porcupine quillwork. Members were invited to a brief tour of the Anishinaabe basket exhibit by Museum Specialist and archivist Donna Casaceli after the meeting.

Member Comments

None.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

Ms. Logue adjourned the meeting at 6:04 PM.