



**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
556 W. Maple
Thursday, May 7, 2026
5:00 PM**

Members Present: Kamala Cummings, Marty Logue, Robert Moll, Kristy Barrett (Alternate)
Members Absent: Mike Ableson, Alexandra Harris, Eva Kirkman
Student Representative: Antonia Lawrence
Administration: Museum Director Leslie Pielack
Guests: None

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

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of March 12, 2026

MOTION: by Logue, seconded by Barrett:

To approve the minutes of January 8, 2025.

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays, 0

New Business

Because three members are absent, the board agreed that deferring the appointment of a member to the Collections Subcommittee until the next meeting on June 4 was beneficial.

MOTION: by Barrett, seconded by Cummings:

To defer the appointment to the Collection Subcommittee to the next meeting of the Museum Board, June 4 2026.

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays, 0

Unfinished Business

Members determined by consensus that due to a shortened meeting tonight, the discussion of the Historic Preservation Master Plan as it intersects with the Birmingham Museum should be deferred to our next Museum Board meeting, scheduled for June 4, 2026. Mr. Moll provided a recording of an interview with longtime resident David Underdown for the "What's Your Story?" oral history project. The board reviewed the plan for the museum's participation in the Celebrate Birmingham parade on May 17 and

received updated information provided to the Clerk's Office. The T-shirt order is expected soon, and Museum Director Pielack will contact members and marchers hopefully by the middle of next week to distribute them and the historic people cutouts.

Communication and Reports

Director Pielack provided highlights on the Phase 3 Barrier Free Boardwalk and Path project, which should begin sometime in May. She also informed the board that the DAR will be hosting a public reading of the Declaration of Independence as part of a nationwide event on July 8, 2026. Six members of the community will be asked to read sections of the Declaration, beginning with Mayor Clinton Baller, if he is available. More information will be forthcoming. Director Pielack thanked the Friends of the Birmingham Museum for their generosity in purchasing two intricate quillwork baskets made by Yvonne Walker Keshick for the museum's collection. Members were invited to see the objects that are now on display with the other Walker Keshick works in the Anishinaabe basket and quillwork box exhibit after the meeting.

Member Comments

Ms. Barrett urged members to take a zoning survey on Engage Birmingham that the City has posted.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

Ms. Logue adjourned the meeting at 5:26 PM.