



**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM  
MUSEUM BOARD MEETING  
556 W. Maple  
Thursday, November 6, 2025  
5:00 PM**

Members Present: Mike Ableson, Kamala Cummings, Alexandra Harris, Judith Keefer, Marty Logue, Kristy Barrett (Alternate)  
Members Absent: Eva Kirkman, Robert Moll  
Student Representative: Mercy Wisecup  
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 October 9, 2025**

**MOTION:** by Keefer, seconded by Logue:

To approve the minutes of October 9, 2025.

**VOTE:** Yeas, 6  
Nays, 0

**New Business**

Members agreed to move the candlelight tour experience of the Hunter House to take place after the other business has been considered and the meeting adjourned.

**Unfinished Business**

There were no updates to the oral history project, but Ms. Barrett noted that the subject she wants to interview has not been available but is expected to be interviewed soon.

Members reviewed the draft document for the **Birmingham Museum 2026-2028 Strategic Plan** in detail and discussed some layout and minor edits for the final document. With these final changes and board approval, it is anticipated that the document will be presented to the City Commission in December for implementation beginning in January. The board agreed to approve the document with the proposed changes and requested that copies of the final document be shared with them electronically prior to presentation to the commission

**MOTION:** by Ableson, seconded by Keefer:

To approve the final Birmingham Museum 2026-2028 Strategic Plan with proposed edits, and to present the plan to the City Commission for approval.

**VOTE:** Yeas, 6  
Nays, 0

### **Communication and Reports**

Director Pielack highlighted the Director Report. Interviews are underway to hire a new Museum Assistant and it is expected that a new staff person will be hired by Thanksgiving and will train during December when the Allen House is closed to the public. Museum staff are working toward the 2026 **Celebrate Birmingham History: It's Everywhere!** Citywide initiative. The first promotional event will occur during the tree lighting at the beginning of Wintr Mrkt. Museum staff will be on hand in the Wilkommen (Welcome) tent to offer literature and stickers and promote the museum's 2026 activities and exhibit. Each month in the Around Town newsletter, the museum will be featuring twelve people who made a significant impact on Birmingham throughout our history. Finally, the museum board discussed actively participating in the Celebrate Birmingham parade in May, and will take up the matter in January for further discussion and planning.

### **Member Comments**

None.

**The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 5:00 PM.**

Ms. Logue adjourned the meeting at 6:24 PM.