

**NATIONAL HISPANIC CULTURAL CENTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

**February 21, 2019 at 1:30 pm
National Hispanic Cultural Center
History and Literary Arts Building, Salon Ortega
1701 4th Street, SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102**

A meeting of the National Hispanic Cultural Center Board of Directors was held on Thursday, February 21, 2019, in the Salon Ortega in the History & Literary Arts Building of the National Hispanic Cultural Center at 1701 4th Street SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

I. Administrative Actions

Call to Order and Roll Call..... Christopher Saucedo

The meeting was called to order by NHCC Board of Directors President Christopher Saucedo at 1:35 pm with the following individuals in attendance:

Board Members: Christopher Saucedo, Phil Archuleta, Darren Cordova, Albert Gallegos, Annette Garcia, Margie Huerta, Brookes McIntyre, and Acting Executive Director Alberto Cuessy (non-voting, ex-officio). (The following Board Members were not present for the meeting: Sarah Brown, Kirk Clifton, LeeAnna Fresquez, Bill Miera, and Yvett Vazquez- Elias.)

Guests: DCA Cabinet Secretary Debra Garcia Y Griego and NHCC Board Administrator Alicia Tenorio.

Public & Staff: NHCC Staff Nicole Larrañaga, David Gabel, Melissa Pacheco, Kinsey Cooper, Kristin Garcia, Jadira Gurule, Roberta Ricci, Edward Lujan, Tey Marianna Nunn, Valerie Martinez, Elsa Menendez, Reeve Love, Tempest Kendall; and Albuquerque Journal Reporter Adrian Gomez.

Approval of Agenda..... Christopher Saucedo

Saucedo called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Gallegos made a motion to approve the agenda. Cordova seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Approval of December Board Meeting Minutes..... Christopher Saucedo

Saucedo presented the December 13, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes, as contained in the Board materials.

Gallegos made a motion to approve the minutes. Cordova seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

II. Business Items

Old Business

- Review & Approve La Fonda Del Bosque Liquor License Lease.....
Alberto Cuessy

NHCC Acting Director Alberto Cuessy presented the one-year renewal of the La Fonda Del Bosque Liquor License Lease. There are no changes to this lease.

McIntyre moved to renew the Pop Fizz Liquor License Leases. Huerta seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

III. Reports

Board President's Report.....Christopher Saucedo

Saucedo mentioned he would like to set up a search committee to start looking for an Executive Director, he suggested if Board members or NHCC Staff are interested in joining the committee send him an email. Cabinet Secretary Debra Garcia Y Griego mentioned that the posting for the Executive Director position will be going up soon. McIntyre requested that she email the posting to Cuessy and Tenorio to make sure we get posting out to NHCC Staff, NHCC Board members and NHCC Foundation Board members to spread the word. McIntyre also asked Saucedo if there will be another meeting to follow soon to discuss additional items that did not get discussed at this meeting; Saucedo responded that we will have our next Board meeting March 21, 2019.

NHCC Executive Director's Report.....Alberto Cuessy

Cuessy opened up his report with expressing his sincere gratitude for former Executive Director Rebecca Avitia and all she has done for the Center and staff in her 5 years here. Cordova and Archuleta also expressed their gratitude and appreciation to Avitia for all she has done. Cuessy also introduced our new Financial Specialist Tempest Kendall, who will be working closely with Performing Arts. McIntyre asked if this position is going to help speed up the payment process, Cuessy responded that it should by maybe a week or so but with the State there is a lot to the payment process that is required to issue payments and that there is nothing unfortunately we can do about that. McIntyre asked about the timeline for the Art Museum renovation and Cuessy explained that the Contractor is doing a very thorough job and unfortunately it is not as fast as we'd like, Museum is still scheduled to open February 28, 2019.

V. Adjournment

McIntyre made a motion to adjourn, Huerta seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 pm.

Board President _____ **Date** _____

Board Secretary _____ **Date** _____