

**ART CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 20, 2025**

A meeting of the ART CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES was held February 20, 2025, at 12 p.m. at the Sioux City Art Center’s Gleeson Meeting Room, 225 Nebraska St., Sioux City, Iowa, 51101.

<b><u>BOARD PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>STAFF PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>OTHERS</u></b>
Jeff Baldus	Todd Behrens, director	
Jamie Bell (Zoom)	Kjersten Welch, recording sec’y	
Anne Kellogg		
Becky Meyer (Zoom)		
Shelby Prindaville		
Rich Yates (Zoom)		
<b><u>BOARD ABSENT</u></b>		
Steve Kammerer (moved)		

1. **CALL OF THE ROLL**

Meeting was called to order at 12 p.m. with Jeff Baldus, Anne Kellogg and Shelby Prindaville present and Jamie Bell, Becky Meyer and Rich Yates, present via Zoom.

2. Reading of Minutes of Dec. 11, 2024 – The minutes were reviewed. Rich Yates made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jamie Bell; Baldus, Bell, Kellogg, Meyer, Prindaville, Yates voting aye.
3. Financial Reports – Art Center director Todd Behrens reported that 67 percent of the current fiscal year has lapsed, while 55 percent of the Art Center administrative and 34 percent of the Gilchrist Learning Center budgets have been expended. The expenditures over \$250 report was also presented. Shelby Prindaville made a motion to accept the financial reports, seconded by Jamie Baldus; Baldus, Bell, Kellogg, Meyer, Prindaville, Yates voting aye.

The CIP and general operating budget hearings were held. Unfilled positions in the Art Center Administrative and Gilchrist Learning Center general operating budgets will be eliminated. The HVAC replacement capital improvement project balance will be adjusted to \$400,000, reducing the general obligation bonds and adjusting the sales tax funding by \$82,164.

4. Building and Properties Report – Todd Behrens stated that the HVAC replacement project has begun with work on the first floor. He updated the board on the storage rack CIP. He also reported on the repair status for outdoor lights and sculpture damaged in a collision with a vehicle. The Grant Wood *Corn Room Mural* will be off exhibition for the next year, beginning February 25. The mural panels will be shipped to the Midwest Art Conservation Center in Minneapolis for conservation work. Art Center Association funds will be used. The mural will be featured in a Grant Wood exhibition upon the mural’s return in 2026. This will also coincide with the mural’s 100th anniversary.
5. Personnel and Policies – The City of Sioux City has conducted a salary study, comparing positions within the City of Sioux City to peer communities in the region. The findings are being discussed. Easter is April 20, and the Art Center will be closed that day. Three-month evaluations have been conducted with two part-time employees. The next Art Center Board of Trustees meeting will be rescheduled from April 17 to April 24.

6. Attendance – Attendance has edged higher during the past few months. Staff has organized programming related to the *Close to Me* exhibition that is reaching new audiences. An Art Center Association of Sioux City members event was successful.
7. Discussion of Agenda Items for Next Meeting – No other items were requested.
8. Other Business – There are several upcoming events scheduled. The Youth Art Month: High School Students exhibition will open February 22, and the opening reception and awards ceremony will be February 23. Neighborhood Services will screen a documentary on homelessness in the lecture hall February 25. A woman in the arts trivia night will be hosted off-site March 13. The Art Center Association of Sioux City spring fundraiser is March 21, with a family-focused event March 22. The Sioux City Symphony will host a quartet concert at the Art Center April 6. The Craig Albright exhibition opens May 1, and the Free Family Art Day is May 10.

The April meeting will include the Trustees' annual performance evaluation of the Art Center Director. Evaluation materials will be sent to the Trustees in advance.

The Art Center Association of Sioux City has scheduled four events for 2025: Journey to Neverland spring fundraiser, Free Family Art Day, ArtSplash and a New Year's Eve event. The Association is also working toward its membership goals.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m. on a motion by Jeff Baldus, seconded by Rich Yates; Baldus, Bell, Kellogg, Meyer, Prindaville, Yates all voting aye.

Respectfully submitted:  
Kjersten Welch, Recording Secretary