

MINUTES of the public meeting of the Historic Preservation and Museum Advisory Board held **September 14, 2026**, at the Museum of Uintah County at 155 East Main, Vernal, Utah. The meeting commenced at 4:36 pm.

Participants: Sonja Norton, Lee Buschkowsky, Stephanie Tippetts, Jeff McCarty

Attendance: Karen England, Alycia Luke, Lana Fullbright, Loren Anderson, Sonja Norton, Lee Buschkowsky, Stephanie Tippetts, Jeff McCarty

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Board members introduced themselves. New member Jeff McCarty shared his background in civil engineering and expressed interest in supporting historical preservation.

2. Approval of Minutes

- **Clarifications:**
 - Confirmed the Galloway is the official name of the Reynolds family boat, not a boat from Galloway.
 - Clarified language regarding the Episcopal Church project: updated the minutes to reflect that single-bid cost constraints made the project financially unfeasible rather than a board capability issue.
- **Motion:** Stephanie Tippetts made a motion to approve the minutes for July 6, 2026. Sonja Norton seconded the motion. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

3. Approval of Child Safety & Vulnerable Populations Policy

- The board reviewed the draft policy, and suggested some edits.

4. Approval of Intellectual Property, Copyright & Digital Rights Policy

- The board reviewed the draft policy, and suggested some edits.

5. Approval of Photography, Filming, & Videography Policy

- The board reviewed the draft policy, and suggested some edits.

6. Approval of Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Compliance Policy

- The board reviewed the draft policy, and suggested some edits.

- **Motion:** Lee Buschkowsky made a motion to approve **all policies** in accordance with how they are written today, 9/14/26; Stephanie Tippetts seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- Final formatted drafts will be submitted to the County Commission for final approval.

7. Report on subcommittees

- Lee Buschkowsky provided an update following a recent site visit to the Gibson/Soward. He mentioned he has been in communication with property representative Janet Apostalon. She indicates the LLC has not finalized plans for the house. Small guided tours or roadside interpretive signage are not currently approved by the family.

8. Status on filling vacant board positions

- Hannah has resigned, leaving an open position.
- The County Commission will review pending appointments at an upcoming meeting.
- Official elections for Board Chair and Secretary will take place at the next meeting.

9. Museum & Upcoming Events

- **Sept 17, 6:00 PM:** Charlotte Terry talk on "Voices and Votes" in the Uintah Basin.
- **Sept 18, 5:30 PM:** John Wesley Powell Event.
- **Oct 1, 6:00 PM :** Dr. Catherine Kitterman (State Scholar) "Choose Your Own Adventure" talk.
- **Oct 10, 1-3 PM:** Campaign buttons and voting postcard craft activity with Virginia Catherall from Utah Museum of Fine Arts.
- **Deaccessioning:** Lana Fullbright will distribute a list of items proposed for deaccessioning prior to the next meeting.

Establish date/time/location of next board meeting

- The next regular board meeting is scheduled for **November 2, 2026, at 4:30 PM.**

The meeting will begin with a 30-minute tour of the museum's storage areas.

- Stephanie Tippetts made a motion to adjourn, Sonja Norton seconded the motion. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM.