

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2026 at 2:00 pm in the Jackson Classroom

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm.

Present: Becky Hatchett, Teresa Pena, Nancy Hammond, Nannette Tresner, Kathe Crapster, Julie Gentz, Dan Lowrance, Charley Wyatt, Tom Duncan, Alana Trisler, Janet O'Connor, Kathy Horne, Cindy Strasheim, Frances Whisman

Absent: Marsha McElroy, Monica Macklin, Dick Clark, Sondra Mullins

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as distributed.

President Becky Hatchett then called for a Treasurer report. Treasurer Nannette Tresner reported \$9,471.27 in operating funds. She noted that 64 people have paid their dues and she received 53 RSVPs for the End of Year Luncheon. The switch was made from the American Bank & Trust account to Band First—an action previously approved by the EC and Board of Directors.

Becky then called for Board Reports. Below are the highlights. Full Board Reports are attached to these minutes.

- Anthropology reported Jordan Naruszwicz, Anthropology Collections Manager, gave the committee a tour of the Anthropology storage area. All the Anthro Gillies worked on either constructing boxes and trays or organizing and cross-referencing the lithic collection that was previously housed in the Kravis Discovery Center. Eight Anthro Gillies worked a total of 88 hours in April.
- Alana Trisler, Docent Chair, has been part of a team that is interviewing potential Gillies. She continues working with Kathy Crapster and Dan Lowrance on training plans for the Gillies 26-27 Intern/Docent training. She also attended Dr William Smith's program: Works in Progress, on Mesoamerican tribute scrolls that are in the Gilcrease collection.
- HCAR Chair Janet O'Connor reported that Gillies completed 69 hours. She also read some statistics from Jana Gowan about activity in HCAR over the past year.
 - “For 2025-26 so far, you've (the Gillies) helped support:
 - 36 researchers
 - 144 research visits
 - 85 reference requests
 - Combined with graduate assistants, you've provided 1,688 hours to date.”
- Speaking of Gilcrease Chair Marion Richardson reported that during April, there were 7 presenters, who gave 4 different presentations to 87 attendees. Total service hours were 26. She also reported the resignation of Marsha McElroy due to a new job commitment.

- Travel Chair Cindy Strasheim reported that a small group of Gillies traveled to Wichita to see the Stephen Towns exhibit at the Wichita Museum of Art.
- Past President and Intern Chair Kathe Crapster reported that interviews for potential Gillies continues. She is still adding new names to the potential Gillies list. There was some discussion about the difference between Gillies and the volunteers that the LCE staff are planning to engage. The concept of a “service organization” as a way of describing the Gillies organization was well received. More discussion to follow.
- Vice President Nancy Hammond posted administrative hours for the EC and Board of Directors. She also added the minutes of the March Board meeting to the website.
- President-elect Teresa Pena attended the LCE meeting. She noted that she’ll be working closely with them in her new role as President so the Gillies can be proactive and ready when the museum opens. She also handed out the new list of the EC and Board of Director chairs as well as the new calendar for 2026-2027.

Becky then gave her report of the Board of Trustees meeting. Gilcrease Executive Director Brian Lee Whisenhunt (BLW) gave a financial report. He and staff are working on the budget which should be finalized by June. They also continue their work on renewing the museum’s accreditation.

Becky and Teresa also attended a meeting with BLW. She reported that plans for a re-opening of the museum continue. BLW noted 4 drivers that are influencing the opening date:

- the building must be ready
- exhibits must be ready
- marketing plans finalized
- and operations (e.g. ticket taking, etc.) must be ready.

We will have more information by September. In addition, there will be a second opening for the amphitheater when the weather warms up, the City believes the roads will be finished this fall and the museum staff is in the process of raising \$350,000 for trails and landscaping.

The Indigenous Independence exhibition will open June 11. Some of the Gilcrease family will be in attendance. A classroom program will be developed for area public schools.

BLW also mentioned they are in negotiations with the person they have selected for the Mesoamerican Curator position.

Becky reminded everyone of the End-of-Year Luncheon and said that Laurel and Mia are attending. She also explained the Inventory list and the membership cards. She has put all the cards on an Xcel spreadsheet. She is also trying to put together a staff list. She passed it out and asked for help to add to it.

The meeting adjourned at 3:38. The current board members then talked with the new board members about their roles and responsibilities.

Board of Directors Report
President Becky Hatchett
May 7, 2026, at 2 p.m. in HCAR

Meetings attended:

4/3	Executive Committee meeting at HCAR
4/7	LCE meeting at Museum
4/7	Meeting with new Social Media Coordinator Brandon Burnett
4/8	Meeting with BLW
4/9	Board of Directors meeting by Zoom
4/14	Board of Trustees meeting at HCAR
5/5	Board of Trustees meeting at Oxley Nature Center
5/5	LCE meeting at Museum

Service area activities:

- Prepared articles for May *Footprints*
- Sent May *Footprints* to members, BLW, Maddy Witt for distribution to staff
- Ran Volgistics reports for April and emailed to staff/chairs
- Prepared Board of Trustees report (activities and service hours for April)
- Prepared and emailed agendas for EC and BOD
- Worked on President's Book
- Sent 7 eblasts in April, 2 so far in May

Other activities:

4/3	Met with Teresa Peña about president's duties
4/11	Volunteered at Uncrease
4/16	Met with Nannette Tresner at American Bank to add her to a/c
4/23	Met with Nannette Tresner at BancFirst to open new a/c
4/28	Participated in video to promote new Gillies training
4/30	Met with Nannette Tresner at American Bank to close a/c
5/6	Gillies travel to Wichita Art Museum to see Stephen Towns exhibit

Board of Directors Report

Treasurer Nannette Tresner

May 1, 2026

Banc First Account

Account Opened 4/23/26

Income

Dues	\$120.00
Luncheon	\$414.50
Transfer from American Bank & Trust	\$17,022.77
Donation	\$100.00

Total Deposits **\$17,657.27**

Total Checking Account before Expenses **\$17,657.27**

Expenses

Total Expenses *None*

Balance in Checking Account 5/1/26 **\$17,657.27**

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Designated Funds:

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Memorial Tree Fund               | \$670.00   |
| Travel Education Conference Fund | \$816.00   |
| Susan Neal Pottery Fund          | \$6,700.00 |

*Total Designated Funds:* *\$8,186.00*

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Total Operating Funds **\$9,471.27**

Board of Directors Report
Vice-President Nancy Hammond
May 7, 2026 at 2:00 pm

Meetings attended:

4/3/26 Executive Committee meeting
4/9/26 Board of Directors meeting
4/10/26 Docent meeting

Service Area Activities:

- Made a list of responsibilities for the Vice-President job description
- Made a list of IT details for Tom Duncan

Volgistics:

- Posted service hours for Executive Committee members, Board of Directors members, and Docent meeting attendees
- Posted administrative hours for Executive Committee members and Board of Directors members

Website:

- Added the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting for March 2026

Board of Directors Report

Julie Gentz, Secretary

May 7, 2026 in PACCAR at 2:00 p.m.

Service area activities:

- ☐ Wrote and distributed EC and BOD minutes
- ☐ Cleaned up files, got the Secretary's notebook ready to hand off.
- ☐ Fixed error in Excel membership roster: correct number of Gillies is 131.
- ☐ Wrote some notes for the incoming Secretary.
- ☐ Prepared snacks for meeting.

Meetings:

- ☐ EC meeting 4/3
- ☐ BOD meeting 4/9
- ☐ Docent meeting. 4/9

Communications:

- ☐ Attended Zoom call regarding internship training
- ☐ Scheduled training meeting for May 13 from 9 – 12

Other:

Worked in library: 4/2, 4/7, 4/16, 4/23 and 4/30

Attended Library/Archives appreciation lunch May 4

May 2026 Exec & BOD Report

Past President, Kathe Crapster

May 7, (1:00 p.m. in PACCAR)

Meetings

5/5 LCE Meeting

4/9 BOD

4/10 Docent Meeting

4/23 Zoom calls re Interviews

4/28 Zoom Interview meeting: Zoom calls re Interviews and with back up interviewers Sondra Mullins, Nannette Tresner, and Julie Gentz

5/1 Interviews all day

5/4 Interviews all day

5/5 Interviews all day

5/5 LCE @ 2

5/7 Exec & BOD

Other

- Published the May *Footprints* newsletter on the website and updated Bulletin Board on website.
- Continue to add new names to the potential Gillies list
- Worked with 33 application forms and added photos when available
- Monitored the Forms and Docs links on Google as new apps and sign-ups are coming in.
- Worked on the content for 10 classes.
- Attended Work in Progress on 4/17
- Extensive correspondence with new applicants via email (acknowledging their application, sending emails with directions to HCAR and reminding them of their upcoming interview, corresponding with applicants phone calls and questions)
- Worked Uncrease on 4/11 and 4/23
- Worked in Digi 5/7

Gillies Board of Director Report
Anthropology Chair, Monica Macklin
Thursday May 7, 2026

Service Area:

On April 30, Jordan Naruszewicz, Anthropology Collections Manager, gave us a tour of the Anthropology storage area. It is an amazing space complete with drawers large enough to hold bison hides flat. We learned that the Anthro storage is named Birch, our main work area is named Elm and the office/work area is named Fern. All of the Anthro Gillies worked on either constructing boxes and trays or organizing and cross-referencing the lithic collection that were previously housed in KDC. Eight Anthro Gillies worked a total of 88 hours in April.

Board of Directors Report
Alana Trisler, Docent Chair
May 7, 2026 at 1:00 in PACCAR

Meetings attended:

April 9: Gillies Board of Directors' meeting via Zoom

April 10: Docent meeting, Presenter: Chelsea Herr, Curator

April 23: Zoom planning meeting with Kathe C. and Dan Lowrance re: preparing for Gillies intern training applicants' interviews

April 28: Zoom meeting with Kathe C. and Dan Lowrance re: Applicant interview process

April 29: Zoom meeting with Kathe C., Dan Lowrance, Nannette Tresner, Julie Gentz, and Sondra Mullins to discuss their roles as substitutes for the Interview meeting.

May 5: Learning and Community Engagement (LCE) meeting

Service area activities:

- Worked as a Wayfinder at the Thursday, April 23 Uncrease event
- Interviewed potential Gillies Interns on 5-1, 5-4, and 5-6.

- Participated in the Gillies led trip to Wichita, KS to see the Stephen Town's exhibition
- Wrote Docent Corner article for May Footprints newsletter
- Volunteered in Digi 4-10, 4-16, 4-23,
- Continue to work on training plans for Gillies 26-27 Intern/Docent training with Kathe Crapster and Dan Lowrance
- Attended Dr. William Smith's program: Works in Progress, on Meso-American tribute scrolls that are in the Gilcrease collection
- Emails, calls, texts with Becky Hatchett, Kathe Crapster, Dan Lowrance, Laurel Benson, and Chelsea Herr regarding docent training meetings, plans and issues.

Board of Directors Meeting
 HCAR Committee Chair Janet O'Connor
 May 7, 2026 in HCAR at 2:00 pm.

HCAR Archives	69.00 hours	8 Gillies
Conservation	No report received	
Digitization	26. 00 hours	2 gillies

Board of Directors Report

Marion Richardson, Speaking of Gilcrease Chair

May 7, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. in HCAR

7 presenters

4 presentations

87 attendees

26 service hours

Presenter	Location	Zip	Date	Attendees	Topic
Alan Jarvis	Inverness	74132	4/7	8	Gilcrease Sampler
Bob McCullough	Bellarosa	74134	4/21	13	Gilcrease Sampler
Frances Whisman	Bee Hive #1	74033.	4/1	16	Plains Indians
Frances Whisman	Bee Hive #2	74137	4/1	14	Plains Indians
Frances Whisman.	Forest Hills	74012	4/2	8	Plains Indians
Frances Whisman	Legends	74132.	4/22	16	Plains Indians
Marion Richardson.	The Parke	74133	4/28	12	Capturing the Light

SOG received the resignation of Marcia McElroy on April 27. She informed me of the acceptance of a new job that will conflict with SOG.