

Minutes

Mesa City Council Chambers – Lower level, 57 E 1st Street
Date: April 7, 2026 Time: 5:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Babos, Chair
Bruce Nelson
BJ Parsons
Jessica Sarkissian
Jason Ludwig

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Jocelyn Skogebo, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

Matthew Kriegl
Charlotte McDermott
Meg Eaton
Kellie Rorex
Dawn Dallman

CITIZEN SPEAKERS:

Vic Linoff

(*Board members and staff participated in the meeting through the use of telephonic and audio conference equipment.)

1. Call Meeting to Order.

Chair Babos declared a quorum present. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

2. Approval of the minutes from the February 03, 2026, Historic Preservation Board meeting

It was motioned by Boardmember Nelson, seconded by Boardmember Sarkissian, that the minutes from February 3, 2026 Historic Preservation meeting be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Babos-Nelson-Parsons- Sarkissian-Ludwig

NAYS - None

EXCUSED – Skogebo

ABSENT – None

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3. Approval of the minutes from the January 10, 2026, Historic Preservation Board Retreat meeting

It was motioned by Boardmember Parsons, seconded by Boardmember Nelson, that the minutes from January 10, 2026 Historic Preservation Board Retreat meeting be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Babos-Nelson-Parsons- Sarkissian-Ludwig

NAYS - None

EXCUSED – Skogebo

ABSENT – None

4. Action Items:

4-a. Discuss and select the 2026 Mesa Historic Preservation Essay and Visual Arts Contest submissions winners in each category (see attachment 1)

After directions for the voting process were given, the following actions were taken:

It was motioned by Boardmember Sarkissian, seconded by Boardmember Nelson, to approve the 4th-6th grade essay contest results as shown below.

- 1st Place – Ava Beilfuss
- 2nd Place – Anna Wallis
- 3rd Place – Elsie Sorensen

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Babos-Nelson-Parsons- Sarkissian-Ludwig

NAYS - None

EXCUSED – Skogebo

ABSENT – None

It was motioned by Boardmember Nelson, seconded by Boardmember Sarkissian, to approve the 7th-12th grade essay contest results as shown below.

- 1st Place – Audrey Davis
- 2nd Place – Aidan Dame
- 3rd Place – Kevin Lungren

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Babos-Nelson-Parsons- Sarkissian-Ludwig

NAYS - None

EXCUSED – Skogebo

ABSENT – None

It was motioned by Boardmember Sarkissian, seconded by Boardmember Nelson, to approve the K-3rd grade art contest results as shown below.

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- 1st Place – James Lundgren
- 2nd Place – Jane Bachrach
- 3rd Place – Charlotte Bachrach

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Babos-Nelson-Parsons- Sarkissian-Ludwig

NAYS - None

EXCUSED – Skogebo

ABSENT – None

It was motioned by Boardmember Ludwig, seconded by Boardmember Nelson, to approve the 4th-6th grade art contest results as shown below.

- 1st Place – Ruby Sorensen
- 2nd Place – Bela Kirking
- 3rd Place – Katyelle Cyr-Gillan

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Babos-Nelson-Parsons- Sarkissian-Ludwig

NAYS - None

EXCUSED – Skogebo

ABSENT – None

It was motioned by Boardmember Nelson, seconded by Boardmember Sarkissian, to approve the 7th-12th grade art contest results as shown below.

- 1st Place – Kjernan Dockery
- 2nd Place – Levi Gutierrez
- 3rd Place – Liam Maes

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Babos-Nelson-Parsons- Sarkissian-Ludwig

NAYS - None

EXCUSED – Skogebo

ABSENT – None

It was motioned by Boardmember Nelson, seconded by Boardmember Sarkissian, to approve the Group Project contest results as shown below.

- 1st Place – Devynn Watson, Anna Margalis, Kendalyn Martin

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Babos-Nelson-Parsons- Sarkissian-Ludwig

NAYS - None

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EXCUSED – Skogebo

ABSENT – None

Chair Babos congratulated the winners and thanked all participants for their entries in this year's contest.

5. Hear reports from Board Members of current events and educational topics related to historic preservation.*

Boardmember Nelson shared his exhibit, Matriarchs of Washington Park will be at the Mesa Historical Museum through April 30, 2026.

6. Items from citizens present.**

Vic Linoff, Mesa Preservation Foundation, 628 N Center St, stated he was appreciative to the Board for their participation in the 2026 Art & Essay Contest as he hoped it may inspire our youth to be involved in historic preservation someday. Mr. Linoff also provided an update on the restoration of neon signs and the potential placement of these signs in the city.

7. Historic Preservation Officer's Updates.*

The following items were shared with the Board:

- Mr. Kriegl shared details for both the Arizona Historical Society's Al Mérito Award (deadline April 30, 2026) and the Arizona Preservation Foundation's Governor's Heritage Preservation Honor Award (deadline April 15, 2026).
- Mr. Kriegl anticipates the draft of the Historic Preservation Design Guidelines will be posted online within the next week or so. Staff continues to work on the Historic Preservation and Archaeology Code text amendments.
- Mr. Kriegl expressed the importance of board member attendance at upcoming meetings as they will help determine the course of historic preservation in Mesa.

8. Adjournment.

It was motioned by Boardmember Nelson, seconded by Boardmember Ludwig, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Babos-Nelson-Parsons- Sarkissian-Ludwig

NAYS - None

EXCUSED – Skogebo

ABSENT – None

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Respectfully submitted,



James Babos
Historic Preservation Board Chair

*** These items are not for Board discussion and no Board action will be taken on the items.**

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An audio recording of the meeting is available at www.mesa.gov.

2026 HP Student Art & Essay
Contest Judging Form

Boardmember: James Babos

Art: K-3
1st 19

2nd 22

3rd 54

Art: 4-6
1st 57

2nd 66

3rd 37

Art: 7-12
1st ~~57~~ 16

2nd ~~66~~ 59

3rd ~~37~~ 52

Essay: 4-6
1st 23

2nd 2

3rd 8

Essay: 7-12
1st ~~15~~ 15

2nd 2

3rd 14

Group Project
1st 72

2nd 82

3rd 79

2026 HP Student Art & Essay
Contest Judging Form

Boardmember: Jason Ludwig

Art: K-3
1st 53 Frank

2nd 54 Fun

3rd 19 Nicky

Art: 7-12
1st 9 (Abe)

2nd 52 Camryn

3rd 16 (C)

⑤ Essay: 7-12
1st 15 Nick

2nd 1

3rd 14 Gold

Art: 4-6
1st 29 (Oink)

2nd 66 (M)

3rd 49 (Gus)

④ Essay: 4-6
1st ~~THE~~ (3)

2nd ~~THE~~ (2)

3rd ~~THE~~ (5)

Group Project
1st 72-Adam

2 82

3 81

2026 HP Student Art & Essay
Contest Judging Form

Boardmember: BRUCE NELSON

Art: K-3
1st 19

2nd 54

3rd 53

Art: 7-12
1st ~~THE~~ (52)

2nd ~~OPEN~~ (59)

3rd ~~THE~~ (67)

Essay: 7-12
1st MY UNSVOG

2nd ORIGINS

3rd RIVER

Art: 4-6
1st ~~THE~~ 31

2nd ~~OPEN~~ 57

3rd ~~THE~~ 41

Essay: 4-6
1st FIRST STOP

2nd OPEN LANE

3rd THE PIMA

Group Project
1st 71

69

85

2026 HP Student Art & Essay
Contest Judging Form

Boardmember: B. J. Parsons

Art: K-3
1st 19

Art: 4-6
1st 41

2nd 22

2nd 57 #1

3rd 54

3rd 43

Art: 7-12
1st 16

Essay: 4-6
1st 3

2nd 67

2nd 10

3rd 59

3rd 23

Essay: 7-12
1st 17

Group Project
1st 86

2nd 1

2 72
#3 83

3rd 15

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2026 HP Student Art & Essay
Contest Judging Form

Boardmember: Jessica Sarkisian

Art: K-3
1st 54

Art: 4-6
1st 41

2nd 53

2nd 57

3rd 19

3rd 49

Art: 7-12
1st 59

Essay: 4-6
1st 23

2nd 52

2nd 2

3rd 16

3rd 13

Essay: 7-12
1st 1

Group Project
1st 81

2nd 15

2-72

3-85

3rd 17

Historic Preservation Board Meeting Comment Card

(Please fill out and return to staff at the front of Chambers)

- Those wishing to speak should move to the front of the room when their agenda item # is called.
- Please avoid repeating issues which have already been discussed.
- Please observe time limits if imposed by Chairperson.

I am present regarding agenda item # _____

_____ I am in favor of this item

_____ I am opposed to this item

_____ I wish to speak

_____ I do not wish to speak

Comments: _____

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