



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2026, 9:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS:

Debbie Harms	Board Chair
Michelle Dearholt	Secretary
Charlotte Schoenmann	Treasurer
Lori Waldon	Chair-Elect
Abinash Achrekar	Trustee
Emily Allen	Trustee
Richard Berry	Trustee
Bob Bowman	Trustee
Brian Colón	Trustee
Tom Daulton	Trustee
Sanjay Engineer	Trustee
Katie Esquibel	Trustee
Jason Galloway	Trustee
Meriah Heredia-Griego	Trustee
Harold Lavender	Trustee
Lisa McCulloch	Trustee
Paul Mondragon	Trustee
Charlotte Schoenmann	Trustee
Becky Teague	Trustee
José Viramontes	Trustee
Ashley Wright	Trustee

STAFF:

Marisa Magallanez	President & CEO
Nick Williams	Chief Financial Officer
Khia Griffis	Vice President of Community Impact & Leadership
Denise Nava Wyrick	Vice President of Communications & Operations, & Interim Vice President of Development
Tiffany Rawls	Finance Senior Director

GUESTS:

Anne Sapon	Special Advisor to the Executive Committee
Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker	Executive Coach

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

2.1 Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included the minutes of the meeting held on December 9, 2025, the ratification of grants, the ACF code of conduct policy, the security awareness training and testing policy, and the Risk Management committee charter. The Certificate of Corporate Resolution was removed from the consent agenda pending further review.

On a motion made by Charlotte Schoenmann, seconded by Michelle Dearholt, it was resolved to approve the consent agenda, as amended. Motion carried.

2.2 Committee Engagement and Momentum

2.2.1 Community Impact and dEi Joint Committee

Paul Mondragon highlighted a new relationship with the University of New Mexico Master of Public Policy program.

2.2.2 Impact Investment Committee

Abinash Achrekar announced new committee members and the successful launch of the short-term loan program focused on housing stability.

2.3 Governance Committee

2.3.1 Important Governance Processes

Bob Bowman, Chair of the governance committee, invited trustees to complete a worksheet for measuring trustee engagement and use it to set goals for themselves. Trustees are encouraged to introduce potential trustees to the Governance Committee, especially in the areas of focus for recruitment.

2.3.2 Emeritus Trustees

On a motion duly made, it was resolved to honor Beverly Bendicksen with the Emeritus Trustee distinction. Motion carried.

On a motion duly made, it was resolved to honor Pam Hurd-Knief with the Emeritus Trustee distinction. Motion carried.

On a motion duly made, it was resolved to honor Walter Stern with the Emeritus Trustee distinction. Motion carried.

The Board recognized the extensive accomplishments of these Trustees during their tenure.

3. NMCT UPDATE

Brian Colón, chair of the New Mexico Community Trust (NMCT), outlined the history and current activities of the NMCT, which is part of the Foundation. Currently, 40% of the Foundation's grant-making is done through the NMCT and 25% of the Foundation's revenue comes from the NMCT. The Board agreed to integrate the NMCT's business with the finance

committee, the community impact committee, the advancement committee, the risk management committee, and the governance committee.

4. **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP: THE BUFFALO STORY**

Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker told the story of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo and conducted group discussions. The Board was encouraged to develop a strategic plan based on input from the community. Discussion ensued.

5. **STRATEGIC PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS**

A consultant for developing a strategic plan will be decided upon in June, 2026.

6. **CLOSING & NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2026.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS, CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting closed at 12:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Allen Johnson of Minutes Solutions Inc. from a recording.

Lori Waldon, Secretary

Date