



County of El Dorado

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location.

Minutes - Draft Historical Museum Commission

Commission Members:

Jeannette Barrett, Commissioner

Keith Berry, Commissioner

Dee Owens, Commissioner

Jacob Rigoli, Commissioner

Sean Manwaring, Commissioner

Randal Mitchell, Commissioner

Joseph Williams, Commissioner

Staff: Bryce Lovell, Director of Library Services

Friday, May 1, 2026

3:00 PM

<https://edcgov-us.zoom.us/j/86854618097>

330 Fair Ln - Building A, Conference Room A, Placerville, CA

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PROTOCOLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment will be received at designated periods as called by the Commission Chair.

Individuals will have three minutes to address the Commission. Except with the consent of the Commission, individuals shall be allowed to speak to an item only once.

Individual Commission members may ask clarifying questions but will not engage in substantive dialogue with persons providing input to the Commission.

If a person providing input to the Commission creates a disruption by refusing to follow Commission guidelines, the Commission Chair may take the following actions:

Step 1. Request the person adhere to Commission guidelines. If the person refuses, the Commission Chair may turn off the speaker's microphone.

Step 2. If the disruption continues, the Commission Chair may order a recess of the Commission meeting.

Step 3. If the disruption continues, the Commission Chair may order the removal of the person from the Commission meeting.

CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:01 PM

Present: 7 - Owens, Rigoli, Manwaring, Mitchell, Williams, Barrett and Keith Berry

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Manwaring requested that item #4, 19th century handmade shoes, be discussed further before approving the Consent Calendar.

Following the discussion on item #4, a motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Barrett to Adopt the Agenda and Approve the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 7 - Owens, Rigoli, Manwaring, Mitchell, Williams, Barrett and Keith Berry

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [26-0776](#) Approval of the minutes from the previous Commission meeting dated 4/3/2026

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2. [26-0779](#) The Historical Museum Commission will use the Consent Calendar format to vote to accession/deaccession the following backlog of items:
 1. 2-piece square dancing outfit and silver cup trophy belonging to Ursule Bush Voorhies
 2. Clothing owned by Lulu Cook
 3. Phillip Lee assorted donations include older Chilton gasoline can, handsaw collection, railroad meter, Wards Sea King outboard boat motor, box of newspapers
 4. 19th century hand-made leather shoes
 5. Eveready flashlight display case

Commissioner Manwaring requested that Item #4, 19th century hand-made leather shoes, be discussed further. After further discussion, all items were approved for Accession/Deaccession on the Consent Calendar.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REPORT FROM STAFF

3. [26-0777](#) 5/01/2026 Report from Director of Library Services

There was no public comment

Director Lovell provided an update on:

**Upcoming ballot measures B (SLT) and C (GT) which affect Library funding
El Dorado Western Railroad secured the EDWR.org website, marketing items
should be complete within the next month**

**Director Lovell thanked the IT Department for their assistance in securing the
website for EDWRR**

Upcoming presentation (5/11) to the SPTC-JPA

EDWR revenue increase

**Reviewing the Vision/Mission statements for the Museum and, once approved,
updating the Museum's website (this is an item on the Agenda)**

Refreshed EDWR branding

Advertising during the upcoming El Dorado County Fair

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. [26-0795](#) Review and Approve New Vision and Mission Statements

Formal action is being taken on this item.

There was no public comment

**The Commission reviewed and updated the proposed Vision and Mission
statements for the El Dorado County Historical Museum.**

**During review, a motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by
Commissioner Manwaring to delete the second sentence in the Vision statement
draft. All Commissioners voted Yes to the change.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner
Manwaring to approve the updated Vision and Mission statements.**

Yes: 7 - Owens, Rigoli, Manwaring, Mitchell, Williams, Barrett and Keith Berry

5. [26-0778](#) Receive update from Commissioner Rigoli and discuss next steps
regarding Bergstrom Organ

Public Comment: D. Barrett

**Commissioners Rigoli and Mitchell provided an update on the Bergstrom organ
involving the El Dorado County Fair Board and the El Dorado County Historical
Society.**

COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE

MUSEUM PROGRAM UPDATES

a) Research Room

There was no public comment

Commissioner Owens provided an update on the Research Room. Research requests are coming in. Commissioner Owens has started working on map #1200. The Museum is waiting on a computer to be able to start scanning. The Museum is waiting for shelving for the "Mining Area."

b) El Dorado Western Railroad

Public Comment: D. Barrett

Commissioner Berry provided an update on the El Dorado Western Railroad. Commissioner Berry praised the digital ticket sales platform's success; shared info regarding the trains running at Shingle Springs Station; the crew are busy with training and certification; next special event is 7/4/26 Stars & Stripes Express.

Director Lovell thanked the volunteers for their willingness to explore online ticketing; expressed a focus on recruiting additional volunteers, track maintenance and fire mitigation, and bringing the track up to class 1 FRA standard.

c) Exhibits and Tours

Public Comment: D. Barrett

Kelly Jordan provided an update on Museum preparations for the El Dorado County Fair including gold panning demonstrations, efforts to clean up areas, and volunteer staffing during the Fair. Commissioner Manwaring encouraged other Commissioners to participate during the Fair.

MUSEUM COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

a) Community Engagement Updates

Public Comment: D. Barrett

Commissioner Berry shared how the EDWRR is engaging with PG&E, fire mitigation, and interest from external organizations about potential railbikes.

Commissioner Manwaring shared upcoming events from EDCHS and how the Museum provided research for the recent historic homes tour (500 attendees).

Commissioner Barrett shared about the 10 acre property off Newtown Road that had equipment and possible artifacts for the Museum.

Commissioner Mitchell encouraged increased outreach to show the relationship to the Museum.

Commissioner Manwaring mentioned the upcoming event at the Placerville Union Cemetery "Stories Behind the Stars" (Gold Star WWII soldiers) and the research conducted at the Museum for the event.

Commissioner Williams mentioned the B-29 wreckage still found in the El Dorado National Forest on the El Dorado County and Placer County line.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public comment.

Public Forum is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on subject matter that is not on their meeting agenda and within their jurisdiction. Comments during Public Forum are limited to three minutes per person. The Commission Chair may limit public comment during Public Forum.

ADJOURNED AT 4:45 PM