

Humanities Montana  
Board Executive Committee Meeting  
May 14, 2025

Present: Esther Beth Sullivan (chair), Jeannette Fregulia (vice chair and Grants), Lynda Grande (Finance), Mary Hernandez (Governance), Jill Baker (ED)

Meeting Convened at 10:00am

Agenda approved with motion by Mary Hernandez, seconded by Lynda Grande.

Board Member updates: Carol Bradley submitted her resignation from the board as of May 7. That leaves 14 current board members.

Staffing updates: The separation date for Jon Clarenbach was moved up to May 6; other staff are focused on archiving, documenting processes, hand-offs to Jill and Jenny, and outreach and fundraising (through June 2).

Status and funding updates: Jill is getting further clarification and stipulations that attach to the Mellon Foundation funding. She'll report out on that as soon as final expectations are issued through the Federation of State Humanities Councils. Fundraising since early April has realized 123K, including 100K from Susan O'Connor and 23K from other individual donors. Jill is working with at least three foundations for further support of Democracy Project and other programs.

Board meeting agenda for May: notes included on the draft agenda:

- Separate Finance committee action items – to present the audit and March 31<sup>st</sup> Financial Reports at the top of the meeting, and to vote on the revised budget at the end of the meeting
- Include 2 work sessions focused on 'What we want/need to know' questions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50am. EBS