



**Friends of the History Center
Board Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2026
5:30 PM (via Zoom)**

Meeting called to order by R. Melvin.

No citizens to be heard.

Board members present:

- D. Bronner
- D. Griffith
- D. Kroskie
- J. Fox
- J. Soward
- M. Gudim
- M. Winkelman
- R. Melvin

MINUTES

- D. Bronner made a motion to approve March 2026 minutes. D. Griffith seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

M. Gudim:

- Report on hold due to HC office computer issues

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. Melvin:

- E. Koenig has resigned from the Board but will continue to volunteer in various capacities. FOHC has accepted his resignation.
 - J. Soward was suggested as the new Vice President
 - D. Bronner made a motion to approve. D. Griffith seconded. Motion passed.
- May 30 - grand opening of HC and opening of Vaqueros exhibit
- April 26 - Boat Tour; D. Bronner will be the guide
- Armadillo Gang: fuel reimbursement for educational trips; HC will write check as donation for \$396
- Gardener Cindy requested higher pay rate, which HC will reject and will seek alternatives
- Strategic Plan update (D. Bronner):
 - Must agree on HC's goals moving forward
 - Will have workshop to finalize on May 16 at 1pm

FINANCE/DEVELOPMENT

R. Melvin:

- Nothing to report.



EDUCATION/EXHIBITS

J. Fox:

- Texas in 1776 exhibit:
 - Presidio la Bahia re artifacts: will need to give donation of about \$100
 - A musket has been acquired by THC
 - 8 panels have been designed
 - Permission still needed from some entities
- Principals in the Park event (Mr. Howell): will be held May 1; HC to consider doing a table
- Member of Armadillo Gang potentially interested in becoming HC intern

FACILITIES

R. Melvin:

- Nothing to report.

PUBLICITY/MARKETING

J. Soward:

- Nothing to report.

COLLECTIONS/CURATION

M. Winkelman:

- The intern is entering items into Past Perfect, and will also be curating items
- Simon Michael cauldron & bench – possibly a plaque to be installed; HC will do structural repairs

OLD BUSINESS

R. Melvin:

- Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

R. Melvin:

- Production software briefing (D. Bronner):
 - Has personally acquired production software for documentaries, etc.
 - Such documentaries can potentially be used at HC for exhibits or running in background, e.g., in the main gallery
- J. Soward is Vice President as of today (April 14, 2026), and thus the updated officers as accepted by the Board are – President: R. Melvin, Vice President: J. Soward, Treasurer: M. Gudim, Secretary: D. Kroskie
- Regarding corporate banking signatories due to the updated Board officers:
 - In the Corporate Banking Resolution for Prosperity Bank, Friends of the History Center for Aransas County, on both checking and savings accounts, to (1) remove Eric Koenig from all accounts, and (2) add Joanne Soward, Vice President, along with Ron Melvin, President, Melinda Gudim, Treasurer and Amy Parker, Director. A motion was made by D.



Bronner to accept this banking resolution and was seconded by M. Gudim. Motion passed by acclimation.

- o The checking signatories will be Ron Melvin (President), Joanne Soward (Vice President), Melinda Gudim (Treasurer), and Amy Parker (Director). The savings signatories will be Ron Melvin (President), Joanne Soward (Vice President), Melinda Gudim (Treasurer), and Amy Parker (Director). All prior names are to be removed (Erick Koenig).
- Next meeting: May 16

D. Bronner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Fox seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes recorded by D. Kroskie