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**June 27, 2025**

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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OFFICERS OF THE  
ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order** - Kelly Corsette at 11:00 AM
- 2. Roll Call** - Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson

Present- Kelly Corsette, Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson, DeNise Bauer, Jim Snitzer  
Staff- Dr. David Breeckner, KD Forgia
- 3. Minutes** - No minutes to approve at this meeting
- 4. Call to the Public** – Kelly Corsette
  - No members of the public were present.
- 5. FY26 State Budget & Agency Shutdown** - David Breeckner
  - Dr. Breeckner shared that there will not be a budget-based State shutdown at this time.
  - On the day of this meeting, the House and Senate had voted and passed their draft budget; it is fully expected to be signed later that day by Governor Hobbs.
  - The draft budget passed by the Legislature preserves AHS' current funding and provides approximately \$1.1 million in new funding for the Flagstaff Pioneer Museum.
  - Dr. Breeckner provided an overview of AHS' developed plans in the event of a future state government shutdown.
  - Dr. Breeckner mentioned reviewing the continuity of board operations in the event of a government shutdown. Communication would be extended to the board, which would run meetings on its own during a government shutdown, as certain activities would need to be approved by the board during this timeframe for fall activities.
  - Dr. Elliott-Nelson asked if the AHS holds regular tabletop exercises for emergency scenarios. Dr. Breeckner shared that the AHS has an emergency plan that addresses many potential scenarios. He offered to share a copy of this with the board. Dr. Elliott-Nelson responded that having a copy of the

emergency plan would be helpful and asked if the AHS staff reviewed the emergency plan regularly. Dr. Breeckner said that he believed the last staff review of the emergency plan was during December of the last shutdown. He added that, given the new staff additions, it would be useful to have the staff review the emergency plan. Dr. Elliott-Nelson asked if AHS had an emergency task force. Dr. Breeckner shared that Jace Dostal does the emergency plan in coordination with Sebastian Alt and leadership from different departments. It is meant to be reviewed annually. There is a general emergency plan, as well as site-specific emergency plans. Dr. Elliott-Nelson encouraged key staff members to participate in an emergency task force and conduct regular tabletop exercises to prepare for various scenarios and effective communication processes with the public. Dr. Breeckner said that July and August would be a good time to review emergency response plans with newly onboarded staff. The Continuing of Operations (COOP) is being finalized at AHS by Sebastian Alt. The previous plan did not include a scenario of a government shutdown.

**6. Announcements** and considerations in future board or committee meetings.

- No announcements.

**7. Adjournment called by Kelly Corsette at 11:32 AM**

Arizona Historical Society State Board of Directors  
Kelly Corsette, AHS Board President

DATE: June 26, 2025