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BRISCOE WESTERN ART MUSEUM WELCOMES NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

Joining the Briscoe board are Bill Klesse, Derrick Howard, and Sonya Medina Williams

SAN ANTONIO, TX - The Briscoe Western Art Museum, San Antonio's hub of Western art and heritage, is pleased to announce the expansion of its board of directors as it welcomes three new leaders to help guide the institution into the next chapter of development.

"As the Briscoe approaches its fifth anniversary, these recently elected board members each bring diverse perspectives and expertise to the table," said Che Guerra, chairman of the Briscoe board. "All three embody the spirit of community and will play an important role in our efforts to build an exciting future for the museum."

Bill Klesse served as chairman of the board of Valero Energy Corporation until his retirement in December 2014. Previously, Mr. Klesse held the position of chief executive officer (CEO), and executive vice president and chief operating officer, responsible for all operations, including refining and marketing for Valero Energy.

Derrick Howard currently serves as the executive director of the Bexar County Community Arenas (BCCA) board that includes the Freeman Coliseum, the new Exposition Hall and the AT&T Center. After a short time serving as special projects coordinator with the City of San Antonio, Mr. Howard was recruited by the BCCA board. He first joined the Freeman Coliseum management team in 1995 overseeing development growth plans to improve the profitability of the venue.

Sonya Medina Williams is a government and public affairs strategist who previously worked as vice president, community and external affairs for Silver Eagle Distributors. She now serves as a consultant to the company. Mrs. Williams also serves as a member of the board of directors for the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and is active in community and civic affairs in San Antonio.



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About The Briscoe Western Art Museum

The Briscoe Western Art Museum, named in honor of the late Texas Gov. Dolph Briscoe Jr. and his wife, Janey Slaughter Briscoe, preserves and presents the art, history, and culture of the American West through engaging exhibitions, educational programs, and public events reflective of the region’s rich traditions and shared heritage. Located at 210 W. Market Street along the San Antonio River Walk, the Museum’s campus includes the restored 1930s former San Antonio Public Library building, which now serves as the Museum space with nine galleries on three levels; the three-story Jack Guenther Pavilion, used for event rentals and programs; and the outdoor McNutt Sculpture Garden. For more information about the Briscoe Western Art Museum, visit BriscoeMuseum.org, or follow us on Facebook/Twitter/Instagram @BriscoeMuseum.

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