

THE BRISCOE WESTERN ART MUSEUM WELCOMES NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

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San Antonio, TX – (January 2022) San Antonio’s home of Western art and heritage, the Briscoe Western Art Museum is pleased to announce the expansion of its board of directors as it welcomes new members Dr. Erika Gonzalez, Henry B. Gonzalez III and advisory director, Daniel Briggs.

The new members join the [Briscoe’s Board of Directors and Advisory Directors](#) that includes John T. Montford, Chair of the Board; McLean Bowman, Dolph “D.B.” Briscoe, IV; Jay Clingman, Robert A. Dullnig, Jessica Elliott Middleton, Brandon Grossman, Jack Guenther, Valerie Guenther, Jose “Che” Guerra, Barry Hendler, Derrick Howard, William “Bill” Klesse, Nancy Loeffler, Jane Macon, Kenneth J. Maverick, Rob McClane, Debbie Montford, Richard Nunley, John Phillip Santos, Mike Sohn, Mark E. Watson, Jr., Reed Williams, Sonya Medina Williams and Bradford Wyatt. Advisory Directors include Jean Brady, J. P. Bryan, Fully Clingman, Laura Gill, Mark Johnson, Janell Kleberg, Ricardo Romo and Lionel Sosa.

“As the Briscoe continues to grow its collection and meet its mission to bring the art, history and culture of the American West to the people of San Antonio and South Texas, these recently elected board members bring diverse perspectives and expertise to the table,” said Michael Duchemin, Ph.D., President and CEO of the Briscoe Western Art Museum. “They embody the spirit of community and will play an important role as we continue to illustrate how the West starts here in San Antonio.”

Dr. Erika Gonzalez, CEO & President of both South Texas Allergy & Asthma Medical Professionals (STAAMP) and STAAMP Clinical Research, makes it her mission to provide high-quality and culturally competent care in hope of decreasing healthcare disparities in communities of color. She is a San Antonio native, graduated Magna Cum Laude from St. Mary’s University, obtained her medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, and returned home after completing 10 years of active duty service as a medical officer in the U. S. Air Force.

Henry B. Gonzalez III, a partner at law firm Gonzalez Chiscano Angulo & Kasson, focuses on representing individuals and business entities in civil litigation pending in state and federal courts, in addition to matters in arbitration. A former shareholder of Davis, Cedillo & Mendoza, his past nonprofit board service includes Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio (including serving as the chairman of the board) and the Texas Association of Defense Counsel. He has also served nonprofit, charitable organizations with missions directed

towards children, including the San Antonio Independent School District Foundation, Choose to Succeed, and both IDEA Public Schools and KIPP San Antonio Public Schools.

Daniel Briggs has spent his entire business career as a real estate broker, consultant and developer in San Antonio, forming United Commercial Realty (UCR), one of the premier retail brokerage firms in Texas. Since leaving UCR, Dan's professional time has been spent developing hotels, apartments, retail centers and office buildings in South Texas, and in out-of-state markets from Nashville to Las Vegas. The highlight of his career has been his role in the creation of the Briscoe, where he assembled the design and construction teams for the planning the development of the museum.

The West Starts Here

The Briscoe's collection of Western art and artifacts showcases the stories of the West through visual art. Collection highlights include Santa Anna's sword, works by Frederic Remington, Pancho Villa's last known saddle, a fantastic Alamo diorama and artifacts, contemporary and historic paintings and sculptures, as well as cowboy and Native American relics, weapons and photography. Beyond the McNutt Sculpture Garden, the Briscoe's acre and a half campus features eight additional outdoor sculptures, including two overlooking the river. The Briscoe's collection then fills 14 galleries in its restored 1930s building.

Open Thursday through Monday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., museum admission is free for children 12 and under and for active duty members of the military. The Briscoe is proud to participate in Museums For All, Blue Star Museums and Bank of America Museums on Us. Through 2022, the first Sunday of each month is Locals Day and Bexar County residents receive free general admission. The museum is located on the south end of the River Walk, near the Arneson River Theatre and La Villita, with convenient parking at the Riverbend Garage directly adjacent to the museum or one of many downtown surface lots. Museum hours, [parking](#) and admission details are available [online](#).

About [The Briscoe Western Art Museum](#): *Preserving and presenting 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, the Briscoe Western Art Museum is located on the San Antonio River Walk at 210 W. Market Street in the beautifully restored 1930s former San Antonio Public Library building. Named in honor of the late Texas Gov. Dolph Briscoe Jr. and his wife, Janey Slaughter Briscoe, the museum includes the three-story Jack Guenther Pavilion, used for event rentals and programs, and the outdoor McNutt Sculpture Garden. Follow the Briscoe on social media, [@BriscoeMuseum](#).*