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Colorado Humanities Welcomes New Board Member

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Colorado Humanities welcomes Candice Bannister to the Board of Directors, elected September 20, 2025.

As the Executive Director of the Tread of Pioneers Museum in Steamboat Springs for over two decades, Bannister has led initiatives to preserve and celebrate the region's history and heritage, and can offer CO Humanities her extensive knowledge of nonprofit management and governance, finance, marketing, and event and program coordination.

A Certified Change Leader through the State of Colorado, with a Master's in Nonprofit Management from Regis University in Denver and a B.S. in Anthropology & Psychology from Tulane University in New Orleans, Bannister has led initiatives that elevate the museum and heritage in the region, including organizing an annual Ute and Inter-tribal Pow-wow and a cultural exchange event that connects Native American families with their ancestral homelands and the community of Steamboat Springs.

In addition to her career at the museum, leading innovative exhibits, programs, and other initiatives, Bannister has also served on multiple boards and committees dedicated to creative industries, cultural heritage, and historic preservation at local and state levels at organizations such as Steamboat Creates and the Routt County Historic Preservation Board. She is a History Colorado Founding Affiliate Member, El Pomar Executive Leadership, and a Leadership Steamboat Graduate. Readers of *Steamboat Pilot* and *Today* may recognize her bi-monthly heritage articles she has written for the last 11 years.

Bannister is looking forward to serving as a representative of heritage and humanities of the Northwest Colorado region, lending her nonprofit expertise, and supporting Colorado Humanities' efforts to strengthen partnerships with museums, libraries, and schools, ensuring that the humanities remain vital, relevant, and accessible to all Coloradans.

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