

**JAM Board Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2026 Meeting
Via Zoom**

Attendees: Samantha Davidson Green, Amber Davis Hanna, Jim Zien, Daniel Maxell-Crosby, Craig Sterritt, Tamara Waraschinski, Jennie Chamberlain, Sam Kaas, Joe Major

Absent: Alex Torpey, Ali Reza Punjani, Johanna Evans

Others Present:

Called to order at 5:35pm

Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes from the December 9, 2025 meeting. Craig moved to approve the minutes: Jim seconded. The minutes were approved.

Director's Report: Samantha reported that her January sabbatical was a success, and she worked on a screenplay that will be produced into a feature length film by JAM this summer, tied into JAM's summer camps. JAM staff handled the organization well while Samantha was out of the office, and produced several successful events throughout the month. Tamara noted recent fundraising successes. Samantha offered an update on WRIF, the White River Indie Festival. Preview events have been successful. JAM will be adding more daytime programming this year, including a young filmmaker's intensive with Kimball Union Academy students, and a screening of Jim Zien's new documentary about local restaurant Tuckerbox. Samantha is in conversation with two universities in South Africa - University of the Free State and Stenden Port Alfred - about a possible partnership that would send 1-2 JAM staff members to South Africa in the spring, to both learn and offer media production for a course on "Digital Storytelling for Social Change."

Financial Report: The board reviewed the Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2025. JAM ended up with a significantly lower operating deficit than budgeted for, mostly due to successful fundraising. Cash reserves are currently strong.

Other Business:

Donor Appreciation: The board discussed strategies for thanking donors.

Summer Filmmaking Intensive: Samantha provided an update on the Summer Filmmaker intensive. JAM will be fundraising to support the project.

Board Recruitment and Committee Structure: The board reviewed structure and membership of the standing committees. Amber will join the Finance Committee. The Board Recruitment Committee will meet to discuss future needs for the board.

Jim moved to adjourn; Craig seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm

Minutes compiled and submitted by Sam Kaas, Board Secretary.

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