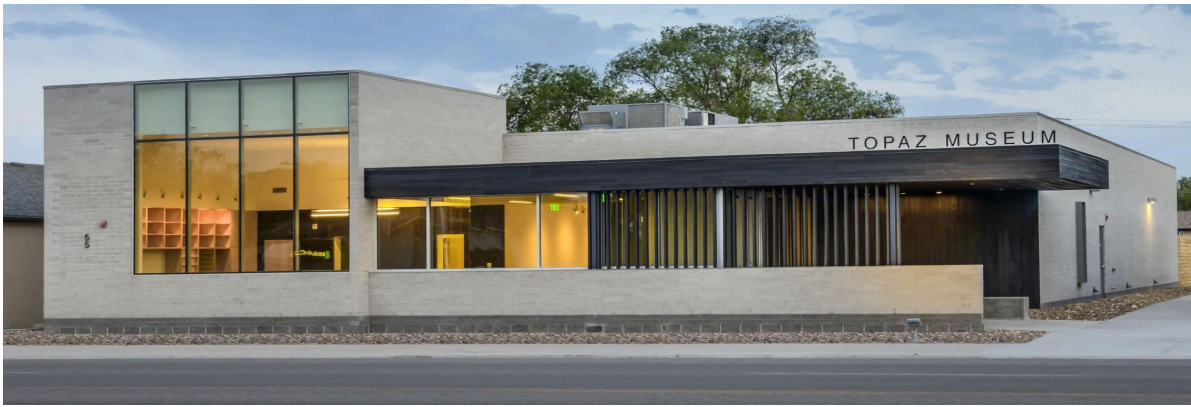




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TOPAZ MUSEUM ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DELTA, Utah — The Topaz Museum Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Meg Hutchins as the museum's new Executive Director. Hutchins will begin her role in July 2026.

Hutchins brings more than a decade of museum leadership experience and most recently served with the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs. Throughout her career, Meg has worked to strengthen museum operations, support collections stewardship, and expand community engagement.

"I am honored to join the Topaz Museum and help advance its important mission," said Hutchins. "I look forward to working with survivors, descendants, supporters, and community partners to preserve and share the vital history of Topaz for future generations."

The search for an Executive Director started in 2024 when founding director Jane Beckwith announced her desire to retire. "It's been a long process. No one can replace Jane. But in hiring Meg, we have found someone who has dealt with museum work on the state level and who also has experience in running a small museum. We are delighted to have Meg join us," said Dianne Fukami, co-chair of the Topaz Museum Board.

Chris Hirano, co-chair of the Board added: "Meg brings extensive experience connecting history to the issues that shape our nation today, and her leadership comes at an exciting moment for the museum. As we continue to preserve and share the lessons of the Topaz incarceration experience, Meg will help expand our reach and relevance by engaging broader conversations and strengthening the museum's role as a national voice in preventing the repetition of past mistakes."

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The Topaz Museum is a nonprofit with the mission to preserve the Topaz site and its World War II history; to interpret the impact of Topaz on the incarcerated, their families, and the citizens of Millard County; and to educate the public in order to prevent a recurrence of a similar denial of American civil rights. As part of our

mission, we steward 634 acres of the one-square-mile original Topaz site. In 2017, the Museum Board opened the Topaz Museum in Delta, Utah, to share the stories of Topaz's history with all Americans, for generations to come. Please visit our website at TopazMuseum.org for more information.