



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Anderson Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum,
9201 Balloon Museum Drive, Albuquerque, NM 87113

West Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 3:00-4:30 pm

Remote option - <https://cabq.zoom.us/j/84260709003>

Members: Chair Gina Montoya, Vice Chair Nora Tocci, Nancy Abruzzo, Michael Anderson, Ron Behrman, Rodrigo Eichwald, Don Harris, Jessie Hunt, Cindy Hernandez-Wall, Janice Arnold-Jones, Natalie Pascoe, Jeremy Rutherford, Victor Segura, Jonathan Wolfe

Balloon Museum Staff: Nan Masland, Eric Wimmer, Lynne Newton, John Fitzpatrick

1. Call to Order 3:10pm
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes (amend 4 typo to the correct amount \$107K vs \$170K)
Motion to approve N Tocci 2nd R Eichwald, unanimously approved.
3. Foundation Update – J Rutherford - New Executive Director has been selected – waiting to make the official announcement. Upcoming event Red White and Balloon July 4th 5-10pm. Discussion on moving forward with planning and committees with new executive director.
4. Legislative Update – Jeremy Rutherford – Asked for \$3m for roof repairs and \$4m for playscape. The legislature authorized \$225k for the roof \$1.060M for the playscape with the reallocation of \$107k remaining 2024 money for general use.
5. Museum Update - Nan Masland, Museum Manager – new title of Associate Director of Balloon Museum
 - a. Theater – creating content, had the movie primer soft opening “Love in the Clouds” will have full content up in July.
 - b. Outdoor Balloon Adventure – ground breaking in October celebrating 20 years, with phase 1 work starting in November.
 - c. Nan and Lynne opportunity to travel to Germany and represent the BM.
6. Exhibitions Update –Dr. Lynne Newton – Curator of Exhibitions
 - a. German trip will include gas balloon experience
7. Collections Update – Eric Wimmer, Curator of Collections
 - a. Update- Museum Assessment Program – Collections Stewardship – due to recent cuts to federal arts program no MAP approvals slowing accreditation process.
8. Chairperson Update – Gina Montoya – board to be given passes to share with the community, if the board wants to help with theater content, please add items to the agenda if you have ideas or items to discuss.

9. Announcements and Events

a. Joyful Morning – RC Balloons, VR Balloon Rides, Public Opening for 20 Years of Joy – June 1, 9 am – 1 pm

b. Red White and Balloons – July 4th, starts at 5 pm contact Foundation for tickets.

10. Announcement of next meeting – July 9, 2025, 3 pm

11. Adjournment 4:10pm

Committees and Members

Collections Committee – R. Behrman, J. Rutherford

Onboarding New Members - Vacant

Accreditation Exploration - N. Pascoe, N. Abruzzo, G. Montoya

Legislative Committee – N. Abruzzo, C. Hernandez Wall, J. Arnold-Jones, J. Rutherford, J. Hunt

20 Years of Joy Event Planning –N. Abruzzo, G. Montoya, J. Hunt