



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 3 pm

In-Person and on Zoom

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

Members: Chair Nancy Abruzzo, Vice Chair Gina Montoya, Ron Behrman, Jessie Hunt, Nora Tocci, Cindy Hernandez-Wall, Jeremy Rutherford, Victor Segura

Balloon Museum Staff: Nan Masland, Eric Wimmer, Dr. Lynne Newton, John Fitzpatrick, Laurie Magovern

Guests: Dr. Shelle Sanchez, Helen Maestas, Dionna Arellano

1. Call to Order 3:05pm - Nancy noted and thanked JD Huss for his years of service and thanked the board for service.
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes - Motion to approve and accept Ron Behrman, 2nd Cindy Hernandez-Wall, unanimously approved
3. City of Albuquerque – Greeting from Dr. Shelle Sanchez, Director of Arts & Culture, Elsa Menendez, Deputy of Art & Culture, and Helen Maestas, Director of Constituent Services – discussion of city budget with \$1m in new bond funding, increased State cap outlay, review of boards and commissions responsibilities and open meeting rules.
4. Museum Update - Nan Masland, Museum Manager
 - a. Temporary Closure for Roof Repairs – 3/20/23-5/15/23- events on weekends can continue,
 - b. Balloon Fiesta 2023 & Annular Eclipse - NASA and NOAA live broadcast and seminars, Gordon Bennett trophies on display through the Fiesta
 - c. Staffing Update – Full time city employee ticketing officially hired, position for volunteer and education outreach coordinator in HR.
 - d. Upcoming Projects
 - i. Youth Outdoor Exhibition – Committee of Nancy Abruzzo Nora Tocci and Jeremy Rutherford have not met since last meeting.
 - ii. Entrance – Nancy and Peter Cuneo worked on conceptual drawings of the entrance representing a gondola and reworking the ticketing area.
 - iii. Theater – proceeding with phasing renovation first replace the projector, change out seating and lighting. Hope to have it reopen by Fiesta.
 - iv. Suggested updating a strategic plan

5. Foundation & Legislative Update – Laurie Magovern, Executive Director of Balloon Museum Foundation – Jeremy Rutherford explained legislative funding \$750k (\$610k foundation and \$140k for city portion) Thanked for the letter writing with Governor encouragement and thanking the legislators
 - *ticket sales go on sale for BM fiesta events April 7th 2023.
 - *BM Gala June 2nd “Touch the Sky” Tickets/Tables/Sponsorships live online
 - *Foundation Strategic Planning end of June
 - *Shoppe closed and furloughed hourly cashiers during the roof repairs
6. Collections Update – Eric Wimmer, Curator of Collections – Security updates and storage facilities improved
7. Exhibitions Update – Dr. Lynne Newton – Two new exhibits during closure Bryce Risley Photography opens July 22 with STEAM night and focusing on airships. Prior to Fiesta Ed Yost exhibit, updating canopy of colors, and sport ballooning exhibit to focus with Gordon Bennett
8. Announcements and Events - Stories in sky moved to Golf and Event Center, next STEAM night July 22nd, BFA camp, circus camp in June, BeGreater than average and Explora camps will continue after the closure.
9. Review of Board of Trustees rules and responsibilities/ suggested to look at the bylaws
10. Announcement of next meeting – May 10, 2023 at Balloon Museum Annex
11. Adjournment 4:35PM

Committees and Members

Outdoor Exhibition – N. Abruzzo, N. Tocci, J. Rutherford

Collections Committee – R. Berhman, C. Hernandez-Wall, J. Rutherford