



## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

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

West Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 3:00-4:15 pm

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

**Members:** Chair Gina Montoya, Vice Chair Nora Tocci, Ron Behrmann, Rodrigo Eichwald, Jessie Hunt, Natalie Pascoe, Jeremy Rutherford, Victor Segura, Jonathan Wolfe

**Balloon Museum Staff:** Nan Masland, Eric Wimmer, Cyndy Garcia, Elsa Menendez, Dr. Lynne Newton, John Fitzpatrick

3 pm – 3:15 – Virtual Reality Balloon Flight presented by Jesse Sansom in Sky Lounge  
(Downstairs)

1. Call to Order 3:27pm
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes – Jessie Hunt motion to accept minutes and adopt agenda, second Nora Tocci, unanimous approval.
3. Foundation Update - Laurie Magovern, Executive Director not present- no foundation update
4. Legislative Update - Jeremy Rutherford - Original ask from the Legislature was \$3.9m combined forces Foundation and City – Total allocated was \$700k signed last week.
5. Museum Update –Plans for 2024 and beyond - Nan Masland, Museum Manager – Board was able to experience the new VR balloon flight. BM had a 60-person field trip who got to use the new VR. BM is partnering w Visit Albuquerque to offer free VR during fiesta with 30 head sets.
  - a. Theater Update – Construction underway, retractable seating is 7-month lead time, 100 completed surveys to adapt to master plan. Thanks to those who participated in master plan workshop.
6. Exhibitions Update –Dr. Lynne Newton – Curator of Exhibitions
  - a. General exhibits being updated - 50 pins coming down, the sponsor wall canopy of color change to a lighter than air flight/ introduction lifting gases and various types of LTA craft, RC balloon exhibit, as well as a tribute for next year being the 20th anniversary of the Balloon Museum.
7. Collections Update – Eric Wimmer, Curator of Collections

- a. Action Item: Donation Committee reviewed 5 proposed donations putting two up for board approval.
  - i. Paul Woessner -500 pin collection as well as 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place World Championship trophies.
  - ii. Jacques Soukup donation – clothing, gear and manuals. G Rozy valve, Ron Behrmann motion to accept both i and ii, second Jeremy Rutherford, unanimous approval.
8. Announcements and Events – Next STEAM night April 20, 5:30 pm Road Runner/Coyote theme.
9. Announcement of next meeting – May 8, 3-4:30 pm
10. Adjournment Motion - Ron Behrmann 4:09 pm

### **Committees and Members**

Outdoor Exhibition – N. Abruzzo, N. Tocci, J. Rutherford, R. Eichwald, N. Pascoe

Collections Committee – R. Behrmann, C. Hernandez-Wall, J. Rutherford, V. Segura

Onboarding New Members - Trustee Mentor C. Hernandez-Wall

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