



## **2023–2024 Board of Directors**

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### **OFFICERS**

Roddy Thomson, *Chair*  
Stephanie Del Campo, *Chair Elect*  
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Pat Gerard  
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Louis Huning Jr.  
Rhett Lynch  
Joe McKinney  
Roberto Ortega  
Rebecca Owen  
Dennis Owens  
Marta Parnall  
Tracy Sherman  
Catherine Baker Stetson  
Jeffrey Squires  
Chris Thompson  
Claudia Valles  
Kenton Van Harten  
Pamela Weese-Powell

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### **EX-OFFICIO**

*Alan Weitzel, Museum Board of Trustees*  
*Andrew Rodgers, Executive Director + CEO*  
*Andrew Connors, Museum Director*

## **Board Bios and Terms**

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**Hal Behl** is an independent consultant with over 40 years of experience in Aerospace and Weapon technology. He has participated on many Boards over the years, most recently he was Chair of the Board of Trustees at the Albuquerque Museum.

**Term: 2020-2023, 2023-2026**

**Perry Bendicksen III** is a retired attorney from Rodey Law Firm. He has served as board president/chair of WESST, the Outpost, Roadrunner Food Bank, and the Association of Commerce and Industry.

**Term: 2018-2021, 2021-2024**

**Jessica Carothers** is an Albuquerque small business owner, operating Waxing the City and Blo Blow Dry Bar. She has served on several local boards including Manzano Day School, Popejoy Hall, A Child’s Garden Preschool, and Albuquerque Junior League. Jessica has also received the Rookie of the Year Award from Waxing the City, and Philanthropy Award from Blo Blow Dry Bar for her small business’ work.

**Term: 2023-2026**

**Adam Ciepiela** is a partner and advisor at Charles Stephen, one of the Southwest’s leading financial planning firms, serving individuals and families since 1983. An Albuquerque native, Adam graduated from St. Pius X High School and received a

Bachelor of Science in Marketing from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He lives in Albuquerque with his wife, Misty, and son, Aiden. Other Board and volunteer affiliations: AssetMark, the Ronald McDonald House of New Mexico, and Junior Achievement of New Mexico.

**Term: 2022-2025**

**Stephanie Guerra Del Campo** is a Speech Language Pathologist, yoga instructor and business owner. DelCampo earned her BA and a Master of Science from the University of New Mexico.

Other Board and volunteer affiliations: Pi Gamma of Chi Omega (past advisory board member and volunteer), Junior League of Albuquerque (past executive board member and current sustainer), UNM Young Alumni (past board member), UNM Alumni Association (current volunteer), among others.

**Term: 2018-2021, 2021- 2024**

**Josef Diaz** has 15+ years' experience as a Director and Curator at major cultural institutions. He received his MA in Art History (Arts of the Americas) and Museum Studies from the University of New Mexico and a BA from San Francisco State University.

**Term: 2021- 2024**

**Jon Drury** has achieved 28 years in the media business in both management and selling roles. He currently works at Cumulus Broadcasting and has served on a number of boards, such as Casa Q, UNM Anderson School Alumni Council, and Coaches vs. Cancer. As a local, Jon has a strong passion

for the Museum and what it offers to the community.

**Term: 2023-2026**

**Carrie Eaton** has over 20 years' experience in education as a teacher and librarian. Currently she is a librarian at Manzano High School. BA in English from Texas Tech University, an MA in Secondary Education from the University of New Mexico and an MLS from the University of North Texas. Other Board and volunteer affiliations: Junior League of Albuquerque and Once Upon a Theatre.

**Term: 2021- 2024**

**Pat Gerard** is an experienced Senior Consultant with a demonstrated history of working in the banking and fiduciary trust industry. She is skilled in nonprofit organizations, grassroots organizing, Tribal Government, and event management. Pat also serves on the National Native American Hall of Fame Board.

**Term: 2022- 2025**

**Alex Hauger** is a Certified Financial Planner® with Salmon Hauger Wealth Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors. Previously he spent three years working with investment quality contemporary art. He specializes in investment planning along with trust and estate planning.

**Term: 2020-2023, 2023-2026**

**Louis Huning Jr.** is the Museum Specialist at the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts. He received his Bachelor of Arts in History from UNM and is currently pursuing his master's in history. Louis also serves on the Valencia County Historical Society and the Historical Society of New Mexico.

**Term: 2023-2026**

**Rhett Lynch** is an artist, curator, writer, actor, and filmmaker. He has owned and been a director of numerous art galleries in New Mexico and consultant to other galleries and projects. His acting career spans 30+ years in movies and television series. Past Board affiliations: Indigenous Fine Art Market.

**Term: 2021- 2024**

**Joe McKinney** is an avid lover of art, architecture, and history. He has a degree in architecture from Texas Tech. His professional path has been with the City of Albuquerque, the Architectural firm of Chambers & Campbell, and UNM as the University Planner and Director of Real-estate. At retirement from UNM in 2004, he became a docent at the Albuquerque Museum; Gallery, Sculpture Garden, Old Town, and Casa San Ysidro. Other Board and Commissions: City of Albuquerque Landmarks Commissioner, The Albuquerque Conservation Association, Nob Hill Main Street, New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance, and the National New Deal Preservation Association.

**Term: 2023-2026**

**Roberto D. Ortega** received his B.A. in International Relations from Stanford University and his J.D. from the University

of New Mexico School of Law. Mr. Ortega is an Albuquerque attorney who was in private law practice for the first 10 years of his career, and since 2000 he has served as an Assistant United States Attorney at the United States Attorney's Office (USAO). In the USAO Civil Division, Mr. Ortega defends the United States in medical malpractice cases and a variety of general tort claims. Mr. Ortega served on the UNM Alumni Board, and the National Hispanic Cultural Center Foundation Board during the launch of its \$30 million Capital Campaign to construct the Center. He also served on the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce Board, and President Clinton appointed Mr. Ortega to the Border Environment Cooperation Commission Advisory Board.

**Term: 2023-2026**

**Rebecca "Becca" Owen** is an Associate Broker & Partner with the Sandi Pressley Team of Coldwell Banker Legacy. She has a Master of Accounting degree from the University of New Mexico - Anderson School of Business and BA from Tulane University. Past Board affiliations: Thomas and McMahan Cancer Foundation.

**Term: 2021-2024**

**Dennis Owens** is a retired Sandia National Laboratories Engineering Manager with over 30 years of experience in Aerospace, Semiconductor, Automotive, and National Security Programs experience. He is currently a consultant at DRLOventures, LLC a development and support organization focused on coaching, counseling, and networking for small minority businesses in New Mexico. In addition, he is a community advisor supporting BIPOC economic initiatives in conjunction with the City of

Albuquerque Office of Black Community Engagement.

**Term: 2024-2027**

**Marta Strzyzewski Parnall** immigrated from Poland and grew up in Roswell, later becoming Miss New Mexico (2001), a graduate of New Mexico Military Institute (1998) and UNM (B.A. in Biology, 2001). Raising four children, she has volunteered with Bandelier Elementary, Jefferson Middle School, Albuquerque High, and Albuquerque Academy. Marta has also served on many boards, including the Rotary Club of Albuquerque and Make-A-Wish Foundation.

**Term: 2023-2026**

**Kathy Rowe** is a certified CPA and past president of numerous not-for-profit boards in Albuquerque. She is a member of AICPA, NMSCPA, and New Mexico Estate Planning Council.

**Term: 2021-2024**

**Tracy Sherman** is currently a Private Client Advisor at HUB Southwest. Her specialty is in Business Development and Strategic Selling. Her background includes sales in the luxury hospitality furniture industry, as well as textiles and wallcoverings. Tracy brings over 25 years of experience in national sales and marketing to the Board.

**Term: 2022-2025**

**Scott Schaffer** is a certified family nurse practitioner. Schaffer practiced healthcare law for 14 years and represented several Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans, health insurers, integrated healthcare systems,

healthcare facilities, and other healthcare providers. After leaving the practice of law, he spent 14 years in academia, and served as an associate dean for Rutgers School of Law. Past Board affiliations: Adobe Theater, Prevent Blindness Tri-State (NY, NJ and CT), Audubon Coastal Center (CT) and the Kidney Foundation of Ohio.

**Term: 2018-2021, 2021- 2024**

**Catherine “Cate” Baker Stetson** is a tribal law attorney and managing partner of Stetson Law Offices, P.C. in Albuquerque. Other past Board and volunteer affiliations: Southwestern Association for Indian Arts, New Mexico Museum Board of Regents, Federal Home Loan Bank Board (Dallas region), NM Black Lawyers Association; past President of the National Council of Negro Women, of the Links, Incorporation, of the Bernalillo County Democratic Party, and of Vintage Albuquerque. Current President of RR NAACP.

**Term: 2020-2023, 2023-2026**

**Jeffrey Squires** is an attorney with his own law firm, Squires Legal Counsel, LLC. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors, he also serves on the board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central NM, Fusion Theatre, and on the Advisory Board of Children's Hour, Inc. Prior to arriving in Albuquerque 12 years ago, Jeffrey lived and began raising his family, while practicing law, in Washington DC. His law practice is focused on copyright law and intellectual property litigation. Jeffrey is proud to serve the Albuquerque Museum and enjoys working with others who support our community treasures.

**Term: 2023-2026**

**Gerard “Roddy” Thomson** is a Financial Services Professional and Licensed Agent for New York Life Insurance Company in Albuquerque, he previously worked in the event management industry. Mr. Thomson received his Bachelor of Arts from the College of Santa Fe in 2007. Other volunteer affiliations: Special Olympics of NM.

**Term: 2018-2021, 2021- 2024**

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**Chris Thompson** is a native New Mexican who enjoys working with local organizations. He has over 25 years of experience in banking. Chris has served on many boards including March of Dimes, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central NM, United Way of Central NM Grant Committee, and AmeriCorps.

**Term: 2023-2026**

**Claudia Valles** is a career accountant and financial auditor who has focused on manufacturing accounting for the past 30 years. Claudia received her degree in accounting from Universidad Autonoma de Chihuahua. After starting her career in Chihuahua Mexico Claudia found her way to Albuquerque where she continued supporting manufacturing businesses for the past 20 years. Claudia has served on committees and boards for other non-profits such as the Albuquerque Community Foundation. Claudia’s love of art, food, and travel have led her to the Museum Foundation.

**Term: 2023-2026**

**Kenton Van Harten** is president and CEO of American Home. Kenton has been a member of American Home's board for many years and is a partner in private equity investment firm Hancock, Park & Associates, which has owned a majority stake in American Home since 2005. He also is president and CEO of exercise fitness specialty retailer Fitness Holdings International, which operates 120 stores nationwide under the Omni Fitness Equipment and Busy Body Home Fitness brands.

**Term: 2019-2022, 2022-2025**

**Pamela Weese-Powell** is a Management, Development, and Operations professional with 25 years of leadership experience in non-profit and for-profit organizations. Currently, Pamela is the Director of Philanthropy for the Santa Fe Animal Shelter overseeing development, marketing, and communications. She previously served on the Albuquerque Museum’s Board of Trustees for 6 years and continues her service to our community through her participation in other arts and animal welfare boards.

**Term: 2023-2026**