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Board Bios and Terms

Hank Andrews is the co-founder, Managing Director, and CFO of Verus Research, a New Mexico-based team of scientists and engineers specializing in advanced research and technology development. He is also Treasurer and a board director for the non-profit New Space Nexus, Treasurer and a board director for the non-profit Dakota Tree Project, and serves on the Board of the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce. Hank previously served as an appointed member of the Bernalillo County Detention Facilities Oversight Advisory Board and Public Safety Advisory Board.
Term: 2024-2027

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

David F. Bower, Ed. D., is a career educator with past positions as a high school drama teacher, middle school principal, and professor at three universities. In his retirement, he is an occasional adjunct instructor at UNM and consultant to the Albuquerque Public Schools. In 2024 David begins his tenth year as a museum guide at the Albuquerque Museum where he leads

tours in art and history galleries along with Old Town tours. He has served as museum program coordinator and new guide training facilitator. David is an avid researcher and a frequent presenter at art and history conferences.

Term: 2024-2027

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, 2024-2025

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, 2024-2027

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, 2024-2027

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

Jonathan Johnson is a veteran who served in the U.S. Air Force. His military recognitions include the Air Force Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), and the Desert Storm Service Medal. He served on the Board of Directors for the Albuquerque Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Incorporated, Executive Advisory Committee for the NM Office of African American Affairs, Chairman of the NAACP Veterans Committee, and currently serves on the ACES Tech Charter School Board. His 40 years in IT - Cyber Security includes his current position as Senior Customer Success Executive at Okta Inc., based in San Francisco, California.

Term: 2024-2027

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, 2024-2027

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

Joe Monahan is a longtime New Mexico journalist, political consultant, and author of the widely-read blog NM Politics with Joe Monahan now in its third decade of publication. He is an elected member of the Board of Directors of the Park Plaza Homeowners Association and has served on the boards of the Brothers of the Good Shepherd and the NM Spina Bifida Association.

Term: 2024-2027

Emily Acosta Ortiz is a dedicated Correspondence Management Specialist with the US Government, bringing 14 years of federal experience in Human Resources and leadership support. With a strong commitment to excellence, Emily has been

recognized as a formidable leader who has significantly contributed to the growth and development of individuals within the New Mexico community. Her mentorship and guidance have left a lasting impact, fostering a sense of community and personal growth among those she has worked with. Emily is passionate about art and the community, having served in various volunteer roles.

Term: 2024-2027

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

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: 2023-2026

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

Melissa Rosen Frankel holds a law degree and master's in counseling and has over 20 years in Executive Recruiting. She is an enthusiastic community volunteer. She was the Resource Development Chairperson for the Junior League, was on the ArtEdge committee for the Museum, a Board Member with the Ronald McDonald House, a committee member for the Popejoy Hall Annual Gala, Co-Chairperson for the Montezuma Ball in 2014, and assisted on Saranam's Fundraising Strategy Team, was member of Board of Directors with Animal Humane New Mexico and served two terms as President, all while being a weekly dog walker. Melissa was honored in 2017 as Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser by the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Term: 2024-2027

Sarah Santoru received her Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education/Special Education & certification in Library Science from the University of New Mexico, which she used to serve Albuquerque Public Schools for 30 years. Sarah has also supported the community through various roles, such as Executive Director of Sophia's Foundation for Autism and as Employee Engagement Coordinator for HOLMANS USA. Previous volunteer affiliations include: New Mexico Japanese American Citizens League, Animal Humane New Mexico, and Ronald McDonald House Charities of New Mexico.

Term: 2024-2027

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

Ryan Singer is a Diné (Navajo) artist-painter based in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Creating artwork based on his Navajo heritage and incorporating pop culture elements, including science fiction imagery. He weaves stories of his childhood memories with nostalgic iconography. He has been included in the "Indigenous Futurism" movement, but has been drawing Star Wars characters since 1977. Ryan also enjoys creating portrait realism of Native subjects with a contemporary appeal. His artwork is in collections of several museums and collectors worldwide. Ryan had garnered several awards including from the

renowned SWAIA's Santa Fe Indian Market. He acquired his BFA in Art Studio from University of New Mexico (UNM), where he was in a collaborative lithography class with the Tamarind Institute. He is now working on his MFA at UNM.

Term: 2024-2027

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, 2024-2025

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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

Kevin Urquhart is a Relationship Manager at US Bank in Moriarty, New Mexico. He is a member of East Mountain Chamber of Commerce and US Bank Development Network. Kevin previously served on Mountainair Housing Authority and as President of Moriarity's Chamber of Commerce.

Term: 2024-2027

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