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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

Perry Bendicksen a retired lawyer. He has served as board president/chair of WESST, the Outpost, Roadrunner Food Bank, and the Association of Commerce and Industry.
Term: 2018-2021, 2022-2024, 2026-2029

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

Cristy J. Carbón-Gaul is the owner of the Law Office of Cristy J. Carbón-Gaul. Cristy also serves as the Bernalillo County Probate Judge and is in her second term. Cristy and her husband, Daniel Gaul, founded Casa Q, which is transitional housing for LGBTQ youth. Cristy served on the Boards of Musical Theater Southwest, the APS Foundation, and Southwest Women's Law Center, including in the role as president for both organizations.

Term: 2025 - 2028

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

Veronica Harding is a bilingual business development consultant with Real Time Solutions, where she supports state agencies and organizations through staff augmentation and strategic growth initiatives. She brings extensive experience from federal, state, and nonprofit programs, having served as Program Director of Outreach and Education for BeWellnm at the Hispano Chamber of

Commerce, Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, and Outreach Manager with the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange.

A skilled relationship manager and persuasive public speaker, Veronica is recognized for building collaborations that deliver impactful results. Well-connected across New Mexico's arts, business, and civic communities, she has served on the Albuquerque Museum Foundation Board, Intermezzo Board of Directors with the Santa Fe Opera, the National Hispanic Cultural Center, and various women's leadership groups.

A graduate of Leadership Albuquerque (Class of 2017), Veronica combines creativity, strategy, and leadership to help businesses and communities thrive.

Term: 2026-2029

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

Tom Jenkins founded REAL ESTATE ADVISORS and is the Qualifying Broker. Prior to forming REA, Tom had a previous career with CBRE where at the time of his departure he led the CBRE New Mexico Capital Markets Team. With extensive experience in investment sales, leasing and tenant representation, Mr. Jenkins has developed a reputation for creating and enhancing value for his clients through the implementation of well executed real

estate strategies. His knowledge and expertise in asking the right questions make Tom a trusted advisor and core team member in some of the largest transactions to ever occur in New Mexico. Tom's clients include institutional investors and large companies as well as numerous local New Mexico businesses and investors. Tom Jenkins knows how to navigate any size transaction with skill and attention.

Term: 2026-2029

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

Mary G. Martinez has been in the senior care industry in New Mexico for over 30 years. She is the owner of the Albuquerque Home Instead franchise. As a businesswoman she has been recognized as one of the Top 15 Women Business Owners in New Mexico, Top 20 Hispanic Women Business Owners, a Woman of

Influence, a Leader in Diversity, Hispanic Small Business Owner of the Year, and Top 10 Best Places to Work. She is also very involved in the community having served, or currently serving, on the boards of Uniting New Mexicans Against Adult Abuse, the Hispano Chamber of Commerce as Chair, the Holman's Autism Foundation, American Heart Association, the Lovelace Health Governing Board, New Mexico Bank and Trust Board, the National Hispanic Cultural Center - Center and Foundation boards.

Term: 2025 - 2028

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

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

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

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 DRLO Ventures, 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 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

Pía Salazar is a graduate of the University of New Mexico, B.A. and J.D., and has been a practicing New Mexico trial lawyer since 1994. Pia is a partner of Salazar Sullivan & Jasionowski practicing civil litigation. She is an AV rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell, a Superlawyer for New Mexico Medical Malpractice, The National Trial Lawyer Top 100 attorneys since 2007, a board member of the New Mexico Trial Lawyers since 1996, a member of American Association for Justice Leaders Forum, a Past-President of the New Mexico Trial Lawyer's Association, and has been appointed to the judicial selection committee and as volunteered as a special prosecutor for the New Mexico District Attorneys office. Pia has been a board member of Emerge, New Mexico, a Trustee for First Choice Health Care, a coach and

volunteer for AYSO, a volunteer judge for New Mexico High School Mock Trial competitions, a volunteer for the Equal Access to Justice campaign, and a supporter of Keshet Dance Company and the New Mexico Philharmonic.

Term: 2026- 2029

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

Kelly Schlegel is an oil painter based in Albuquerque, specializing in still life and landscape. Her work is grounded in classical technique. She spent several years living in Florence, Italy, where she studied classical painting and drawing at the Florence Art Studio while raising her children. During her time there, she was also an active member of Friends of Florence, supporting the preservation of the city's artistic heritage. Schlegel studied studio art at the University of New Mexico.

Term: 2025 - 2028

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

Tyler Sisneros is a native New Mexican who has worked in the financial services industry since 2006 and specialized in Treasury and Commercial Banking consulting since 2011. Before earning his Bachelor's degree in History with a minor in Business Administration from Texas Tech University, Tyler attended high school at New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell. He's also a Certified Treasury Professional (CTP) by the Association of Financial Professionals.
Term: 2025 - 2028

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

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 Moriarty'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