



LOS ALAMOS

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes

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September 10, 2025
5:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Easton at 5:30pm. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Karen Easton, Chair
Ronald Nelson, Commissioner*
Benjamin Hill, Commissioner
Katherine Bruell, Commissioner*
Stephanie Nakhleh, Commissioner
Rebecca White, Commissioner
Robert Chrien, Commissioner (In attendance at 5:31pm)

Members Absent:

Marlon Brown, Commissioner
Rachel Adler, Commissioner

Staff Present:

Elias Isaacson, Community Development Director
Danyelle Valdez, Planning Manager
Desirae Lujan, Senior Planner
Katie Thwaits, Deputy County Attorney
Larissa Breen, Assistant County Attorney
Wendy Laird, Senior Office Specialist/CDD

Council Liaison:

None

** Attended virtually via Zoom*

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner White to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion passed, unanimously.

4. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Approval of August 27, 2025, Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Chrien to approve the Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Motion passed 4-0 with Commissioners Chrien, Nakhleh and White abstaining.

5. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

A. ZCA-2025-0018: The Los Alamos County Community Development Department requests the Planning and Zoning Commission make recommendation to County Council to amend Chapter 16, Development Code, Article II (Base Zone Districts), Division 2, Section 16-6; Article III (Use Regulations), Division 1, Sections 16-12 and 16-14; Article III (Use Regulations), Division 2, Sections 16-17, 16-18, 16-19; Article IV (Development Standards), Division 3, Section 16-28; and Article VI (Definitions), Division 2, through adoption of Ordinance No. 02-370.

Chair Easton opened the case and explained the meeting procedures.

Danyelle Valdez, Planning Manager, presented the staff's report.

The Commission discussed the decision criteria.

Motion by Commissioner White to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Nakhleh.

Motion passed 7-0 vote.

Roll Call Vote:

[For]

Karen Easton, Chair
Ronald Nelson, Commissioner
Benjamin Hill, Commissioner
Katherine Bruell, Commissioner
Stephanie Nakhleh, Commissioner
Rebecca White, Commissioner
Robert Chrien, Commissioner

6. COMMISSION/DIRECTOR COMMUNICATIONS

A. Department Report

Danyelle Valdez, Planning Manager, shared that the publication for the RFP is almost complete. She communicated that the Boards and Commissions luncheon is scheduled for September 11, 2025. The appointment of Commissioner Chrien was acknowledged, and he was welcomed into the Commission.

B. Chair's Report

Chair Easton shared her report for the luncheon on accomplishments and thanked Commissioner Chrien for joining the Commission. She provided updates on an informational session regarding the road safety report for San Ildefonso, Comprehensive Plan participation, and the Planning and Zoning Commission presentation scheduled for County Council on September 16, 2025.

C. Council Liaison's Report

No Update

D. Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Nakhleh commented on the terms coming in March of 2026.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

6:02pm