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County of Los Alamos

BCC Meeting Minutes - Draft

Environmental Sustainability Board

*Shannon Blair, Chair; Sue Barns, Vice-Chair; Joseph Chandler; Erik Loechell; Kella Romero;
and Rebecca Paley-Williams, Members*

Thursday, September 18, 2025

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

5:32 p.m. Members Barns and Loechell absent.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as by Member Chandler second by Member Paley-Williams the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[20676-25](#) Approval of August 21, 2025, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: Shannon Blair

Motion to approve the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Meeting of August 21, 2025, by Member Chandler, second by Member Paley-Williams the motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

[20677-25](#) Possible Action and Presentation on Artificial Turf Study

Presenters: Wendy Parker and Cory Styron

Artificial turf study presentation by Lisa Gavioli, and Ania Pastuszezwska, NV5, Inc.

Motion that the Environmental Sustainability Board authorizes Chair Blair and Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule to collect comments from the Environmental Sustainability Board and condense them as needed then submit to the Parks and Recreation Board on October 2, 2025, motion by Member Chandler and second by Member Paley-Williams the motion passed unanimously.

20678-25

Finalize and Approve the Annual ESB Update to County Council

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Discussion and approval of the Annual ESB Update to the County Council presentation on October 21, 2025.

I move that Environmental Sustainability Board approve the Annual ESB Update to the Council as presented and authorize Chair Blair and Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule to make any final changes as needed before the presentation motion by Member Chandler and second by Paley-Williams the motion passed unanimously.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report - Shannon Blair

Chair Blair reported that there is a vacancy on the board and encouraged members to put the word out and encourage citizens to apply. Asked the ESB members to read comments that were emailed on the artificial turf item.

- 1). **Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barns/Shannon Blair**

See update from Member Barns in your email.

- 2). **Transportation Board**

None.

- 3). **Parks and Recreation Board - Shannon Blair**

None.

- 4). **Health Council**
None.

- 5). **County Council Liaison - Ryn Herrmann**

Councilor Herrmann reported on the County Council Work Session held on Tuesday, September 16th, they heard several presentations and proclamations, one by NNSA-DOE Site Office Manager Ted Wyka. Mr. Wyka said that budget remains steady and will be hiring about 900 employees. The tritium venting is happening, no off-site impacts stated by NMED Instagram posts. Great presentations from Planning and Zoning, and Personnel Boards, introduction of ordinance A8A parcel for housing on DP Road.

- 6). Inclusivity Task Force - Xeph Ivankovich and KokHeong McNaughton

None.

B. Working Groups and Steering Committee

- 1). Los Alamos Sustainability Alliance - Sue Barns

None.

- 2). Education and Outreach Work Group

None.

- 3). Community-Wide EV Study Working Group

Sustainability Manager Angelica Gurule reported the Community-Wide EV Study Working Group will be presenting a draft report in October to ESB, Council, and to the Board of Public Utilities, and will have a community meeting to share the information gathered and recommendations that consultant is making.

- 4). Plastic Bag Fee Research Group - Shannon Blair, Rebecca Paley-Williams, and Hermann Geppert-Kleinrath

[20680-25](#) Plastic Bag Working Group Update

Presenters: Shannon Blair

Chair Blair reported that the Plastic Bag Working Group is working with Josh Levings to understand how many plastic bags are collected for Clean Up LA Day.

- 5). Bee City Los Alamos - Britton Donharl

Britton Donharl, reported that Bee City Los Alamos hosted a demonstration at the Bee City garden with several volunteers, which was very productive. September 10th was the one-year anniversary of the pollinator garden. Are working with the Golf course with improvements in areas that will no longer be used for turf, they have asked the Bee City to partner with them to improve the area with native seeds.

7. STAFF REPORT

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Sustainability Manager Updates

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Sustainability Manager Angelica Gurule reported that the newsletter highlighted ways to live in harmony with wildlife. Municipal EV charging stations consultants are waiting for vaults to install equipment, vaults will arrive in about a month maybe October 18th. Applied for the NMDOT DC Fast Charging Grant and received notification working on design to install chargers at the Mesa Library. Angelica will be focusing on developing a scope of work for energy audits and what that might look like for our residents. Eco Station is going through the twenty-year permitting process, as transfer station you must have a permit, the State is questioning a lot of things. Thanked volunteers who helped at Farmer's Market, Bear Festival, and Clean-Up Los Alamos. Shared the Residential Sustainability Report.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Plastic Bag Research and EV Study Update.

9. ADJOURNMENT

7:27 p.m.

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Shannon Blair, ESB Chair

10/9/2025