



County of Los Alamos

BCC Meeting Minutes - Draft

Environmental Sustainability Board

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Shannon Blair, Chair; Sue Barns, Vice-Chair; Joseph Chandler; David Hampton; and Erik Loechell, Members

Thursday, December 18, 2025

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Council Chambers

NOTE: This meeting is in person and open to the public. However, for convenience, the following Zoom meeting link and/or telephone call in numbers may be used for public viewing and participation:

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1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

5:31 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda by Member Barns second by Member Loechell the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[20983-25](#) Approval of November 20, 2025, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Motion to approve the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Meeting of November 20, 2025, by Member Hampton, second by Member Barns the motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

[20986-25](#) Presentation of the Draft Fleet Conversion Plan and Community-Wide EV Charging Plan

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Analy Castillo and Josh Schacht with Stantec gave an update on the Los Alamos County Fleet Conversion Plan and Community-Wide EV Charging Plan.

20985-25

Draft the 2026 Work Plan

Presenters: Shannon Blair

Discussion of the 2026 Work Plan; approval is scheduled for the January 2026 meeting.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report - Shannon Blair

Chair Blair reported that there are currently two vacancies on the board and that applications are open. She asked board members to share the opportunity and encourage interested individuals to apply. Chair Blair also reported receiving an email from a citizen regarding overflow issues in the canyon and expressed interest in supporting the Utilities Department in public education efforts. Additionally, she noted that she has been following the recycle audit at the Eco Station; a presentation on the audit is forthcoming, and an article has been published in the Daily Post, which she recommended reading if interested. She thanked board members for their work in 2025.

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

Member Barns reported on the December 10 Board of Public Utilities (BPU) meeting. Abbey Hayward presented on the Green Los Alamos Certification program. The BPU voted 3–1 to advance the program to Council, where it was subsequently approved. The BPU also approved the power purchase agreement with LANL. In addition, the Board reviewed a report detailing the various programs currently being implemented by Abbey Hayward. In the Chair's report, the New Mexico Climate Plan was highlighted, Member Barns noted that she had shared a preview link to the plan that appeared in connection with the plan a couple of weeks ago. Finally, Elk Ridge reported that it is working to complete all customer conversions to the new natural gas system by February.

2). Transportation Board - David Hampton

Member Hampton reported that at Transportation Board meeting in December the only thing they worked on was the board 2026 calendar and the work plan. Included in the work plan under, "List Other Projects and/or Activities by this Board or Commission," put bicycle infrastructure.

3). Parks and Recreation Board - Shannon Blair

None.

- 4). County Council Liaison - Ryn Herrmann

Report is attached.

B. Working Groups and Steering Committee

- 1). Bee City Los Alamos - Britton Donharl

None.

- 2). Los Alamos Sustainability Alliance - Sue Barns

None.

- 3). Community-Wide EV Study Working Group

None.

7. STAFF REPORT

[20987-25](#) Sustainability Manager Updates

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Sustainability Manager Angelica Gurule gave an update to the EV chargers project at the municipality building; project is on schedule. She is also working on the EV chargers that will be installed at Mesa Public Library waiting on the design to go out to bid or get a quote. Thanked Citizen Climate Lobby, PEEC, Barranca, Chamisa public schools, High School Eco club, and county employees and community members for contributing ornaments for the holiday tree. Presented sustainability report.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

-Armando Gabaldon - Recycle Audit Results

-Approval of Work Plan

9. ADJOURNMENT

7:09 p.m.

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From: [Gurule, Angelica](#)
To: [Salazar, Jacqueline](#)
Subject: FW: Council update
Date: Friday, December 19, 2025 12:18:04 PM

Hi Jackie,

Can you include these updates under the Council Liaison report?

Thank you,
Angelica

From: Herrmann, Ryn <ryn.herrmann@losalamosnm.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2025 6:12 PM
To: Gurule, Angelica <angelica.gurule@losalamosnm.gov>; Environmental Sustainability Board <ESB@lacnm.us>
Subject: Council update

Angelica and ESB,

I'm sorry but I had to step away from the mtg. Following are a few highlights from Tuesday (12/16/25) evening's general session county council mtg.

-Presentation by Jessica Kunkle, Manager of the Department of Energy Environmental Management, Los Alamos Field Office. Here is the link from her presentation:

<https://losalamos.legistar.com/gateway.aspx?M=F&ID=cd934498-abab-4a06-83d9-31997c5f6ca8.pdf>

-We introduced an ordinance Adopting An Economic Development Project For Public Support of UbiQD. This is a LEDA project and I was very happy to see this be introduced.

-We also voted to approve raises for future councilors, county assessors, probate judges, and municipal court judges.

Please let me know if you have any questions on these.

Angelica, did we set a date and time for our next board interview?

Thank you all. Happy holidays.

Ryn Herrmann
Los Alamos County Councilor
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From: Gurule, Angelica <angelica.gurule@losalamosnm.gov>

Sent: Monday, December 15, 2025 4:33 PM

To: Environmental Sustainability Board <ESB@lacnm.us>

Subject: ESB Agenda Packet for December 18, 2025

Good afternoon ESB,

Here now is the ESB agenda packet for December 18, 2025:

<https://losalamos.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=1270870&GUID=6A8A7567-F05D-42C3-9039-D21B170660AE&Options=info%7C&Search=&Refresh=1>

Feel free to bring holiday treats to share.

Please let me know if you would like the full agenda packet printed. Otherwise, I will only print a simplified agenda listing agenda items to minimize printing, as the draft plans exceed 200 pages in total.

See you Thursday night!

Angelica V. Gurule | Sustainability Manager