



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, January 15, 2026

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue - Council
Chambers

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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 as amended by Member Barns second by Member Loechell the motion passed unanimously. The Board moved item 21102-26 to the end of board business.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[21102-26](#) Approval of December 18, 2025, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: Shannon Blair

Motion to approve the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Meeting of December 18, 2025, by Member Loechell, second by Member Barns the motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

[21129-26](#) Election of Environmental Sustainability Board Chair and Vice-chair

Elections for Chair and Vice-Chair were held, Member Hampton was elected chair by a roll call vote of 5-0, for vice-chair Member Loechell was voted 5-0.

21111-26 Presentation of 2025 Los Alamos County Recycling Material Audit

Presenters: Armando Gabaldon

Adam Meyer, District Manager for BARCO in Albuquerque presented on the Los Alamos County Recycling Material Audit.

21128-26 Approval of the 2026 ESB Meeting Schedule

Motion to approve the 2026 Environmental Sustainability Schedule, by Member Barns, second by Member Hampton the motion passed unanimously.

21112-26 Review and Approve the 2026 ESB Work Plan

Presenters: Shannon Blair

Motion to approve the 2026 Environmental Sustainability Final Work Plan as amended, by Member Loechell, second by Member Hampton the motion passed unanimously.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report - Shannon Blair

Chair Blair thanked Sue Barns for her service as Vice Chair and also mentioned there are two vacancies on the board.

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

Member Barns reported the January 14, 2026, BPU meeting, there were consent items approved, also reported that the new transformer for White Rock is on the way, being replaced with a higher compacity transformer. Mutal aid agreement with PNM in case there is another outage. Foxtail Flats operation date is now January 18, 2027, for full startup. Continuation of looking into Geo-thermal projects, on hold due to transmission holdups. Other items in the future Balcony Solar – Utah UAMPS presentation.

2). Transportation Board -David Hampton

None.

3). Parks and Recreation Board - Shannon Blair

None.

4). County Council Liaison - Ryn Herrmann

Councilor Herrmann reported on the Council work session, had a presentation by the Regional Development Corp. (RDC) they work with Northern New Mexico giving grants to small businesses. Council was giving an introduction presentation on the North Mesa Masterplan, budget is \$13M dollars and the plan was well done.

Discussion on the MRA, two districts in White Rock and the other is Downtown East (Mari-Mac area) Council will be talking about it some more. Had a presentation by Mozart Devco, the power will go to Jemez Corp. What they want from Los Alamos is the trash. Councilor Herrmann suggested giving a presentation to ESB. County will be doing the community survey this year.

B. Working Groups and Steering Committee

- 1). Bee City Los Alamos - Britton Donharl

None.

- 2). Los Alamos Sustainability Alliance - Sue Barns

Member Barns reported that the Los Alamos Sustainability Alliance met and had discussion on a list of cooling centers in the County, also a list of items that are helpful in keeping cool in hot weather. Items to be given to the Fire Department to hand out and available at the library. Will have a work party to assemble packet on February 10th, in case anyone is interested in helping stuffing packets. The alliance was approached by Kristine Coblentz of the Jemez Trail Run committee; race is on May 9th and would like to ESB/LASA to host the Zero Waste station.

- 3). Education and Outreach Work Group

Member Barns reported the working group is working with consultants Firebrand to roll out more educational outreach around Climate Action to the community, they will meet with here at the end of February for a few days.

- 4). Community-Wide EV Study Working Group

Member Barns reported that the working group took all the feedback from ESB, Council, BPU and Stantec took all the information and put it into a spreadsheet and addressed it together with County staff, they are now working on a final plan. Final plan will go to Council and to ESB in February. Also, there are two EV chargers at the Hill Apartments.

7. STAFF REPORT

[21127-26](#) Sustainability Manager Updates

Sustainability Manager Angelica Gurule reminded everyone to sign up for the sustainability newsletter, this month's letter focused on draft plans and highlighted the tree recycle program. Fleet conversion plan will come to ESB in February, then will go to Council.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

-Presentation of the Final Fleet Conversion Plan and Community-Wide EV Charging Plan

Upcoming agenda items fleet conversion plan update and liaisons discussion. Mozart DEVCO, Steve Stringer presentation in March.

9. ADJOURNMENT

7:12 p.m.

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