

**MINUTES OF THE
NEW MEXICO STATE FAIRGROUNDS DISTRICT
BOARD**

DECEMBER 11, 2025

The African American Performing Arts Center
300 San Pedro, N.E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108

The meeting of the New Mexico State Fairgrounds District Board for October was called to order by The Honorable Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor and Chair, on December 11th, 2025, at 10:15 a.m. at the African American Performing Arts Center located at 300 San Pedro, NE. Albuquerque, 87108.

Members Present:

The Honorable Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor
The Honorable Tim Keller, Mayor (*ABSENT*)
The Honorable Mimi Stewart, State Senator
The Honorable Janelle Anyanonu, State Representative (*ABSENT*)
The Honorable Nichole Rogers, City Councilor
Dr. Peter Belletto, President, District 6 Neighborhood Coalition

Staff:

Cecilia Mavrommatis, Clerk and Treasurer
Joseph Holloway, Esquire

Guests:

Colleen Ruiz, Stantec
Ben Lewinger, Fable Communications

Handouts:

Handouts and other written materials are in the meeting file and posted on the EXPO NM website.

Thursday, December 11th

Call to Order (10:15 a.m.)

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, serving as Chair of the State Fairgrounds District Board.

Roll call was conducted, confirming the presence of a quorum.

Approval of Agenda (10:20 a.m.)

Following introductions, the Chair requested a motion to approve the meeting agenda as published. A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition.

The agenda was formally adopted.

Approval of Minutes from October 30, 2025 (10:25 a.m.)

The Board moved to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2025, meeting.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by those in attendance.

Action Item — Resolution No. 13 Institutional Trustee Services (10:30 a.m.)

The Board considered Resolution No. 13, which authorizes the procurement of institutional trustee services for the State Fairgrounds District. The Clerk-Treasurer presented the resolution, explaining that it establishes a mechanism for securely receiving, managing, investing, disbursing, and reporting on District revenues, bond proceeds, and third-party funds.

Board discussion emphasized fiscal transparency, accountability, and the layered approval process governing capital investments. Members clarified that adoption of the resolution authorizes the release of a competitive request for proposals (RFP), with RFP results returning to the Board for review and approval. The discussion also reaffirmed that all expenditures remain subject to Board of Finance and legislative approval.

Following discussion, the Board adopted Resolution No. 13 by roll call vote and passed unanimously by those in attendance.

Presentation — Fairgrounds Reimagined Master Planning Update (10:38 a.m.)

The Board received a presentation from Colleen Ruiz with Stantec and Ben Lewinger from Fable Communications on the ongoing “Fairgrounds Reimagined” master planning effort. The presentation summarized community engagement activities to date and introduced three preliminary redevelopment concepts for discussion.

Presenters highlighted priorities identified through public input, including modernization of infrastructure, housing affordability, economic development, sustainability, transportation connectivity, and year-round activation of the site. Board members provided policy-level feedback and raised considerations related to workforce development, urban agriculture, environmental sustainability, neighborhood impacts, and parking. No action was taken on this matter, as the presentation was informational and intended to guide continued planning and community engagement.

Future Meeting Schedule (11:13 a.m.)

The Chair recommended that the Board defer setting a formal next meeting date until additional planning information becomes available. The Board reached consensus not to take action at this time and noted that future meetings will be scheduled with proper public notice once the project reaches the next decision point.

Adjournment (11:20 a.m.)

With no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by those in attendance. The meeting adjourned at **11:20 a.m.**

