



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Partners of Visit Albuquerque

**FROM:** Mindy Jensen – Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Legacy Hospitality Chair, Visit Albuquerque Board Nominating Committee & Chair-Elect Visit Albuquerque Board

**DATE:** May 19, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Visit Albuquerque Call for Board Nominations

As a Partner of Visit Albuquerque, you are encouraged to actively determine the Board leadership of this organization by participating in the annual selection of nominees for our Board of Directors. At our Annual Membership Meeting on September 22, 2026, we will elect a slate of nominees for fiscal year 2027.

In compliance with our bylaws, I have named the following to serve on the Nominating Committee:

**Two current Board directors:**

- Mike Canfield, President/CEO, Valliant Consulting  
*General Business*
- William R. Stafford, Owner/Operator, Sadie’s New Mexico  
*Hospitality/Non-Lodging*

**Two Visit Albuquerque Partners at-large:**

- Cainan Harris, Vice President of Operations, Heritage Hotels & Resorts  
*Hospitality/Lodging*
- Nan Masland, Manager, Anderson Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum  
*Hospitality/Non-Lodging*

I will serve as Committee Chair. This group will interview nominees and select a slate of candidates for election at the Annual Meeting. It also states in our bylaws that nominations will not be taken from the floor.

We encourage you to participate in the process by identifying individuals, including yourself, whom you recommend being considered as Board nominees. Only individuals employed by Visit Albuquerque Partners in good standing are eligible to serve on the Board.

**There are four open seats for the FY27 Board from the following industry categories:**

- Hospitality/Lodging with 15,000 feet of meeting space - one seat open
- Hospitality/Lodging - one seat open
- Hospitality/Non-Lodging - one seat open
- General Business - one seat open

**Qualifications and Expectations for Board Directors:**

All nominees must be employed by a business or organization that is a Visit Albuquerque Partner in good standing. In addition, nominees must be:

- Passionate about Albuquerque as a destination
- The primary decision maker of their company
- Willing to serve on a high-functioning, working Board
- Available for committee assignments, as needed
- Able to attend Visit Albuquerque events
- Available to attend a Board meeting on the fourth Tuesday of every other month (11:30 am - 1:30 pm) and one annual all-day Board retreat
- Willing to work hard to provide the best possible leadership in the hospitality industry

Complete the online Nomination Form and attach a résumé for your candidate. When making your nomination, consider those you believe to be a strong representative of the above industry sectors.

If you have questions about the process or want to discuss your interests, or those of others you may want to nominate, please contact Susie Ross at [ross@visitabq.org](mailto:ross@visitabq.org) or call 505-222-4301.

**[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE NOMINATION FORM](#)**

**NOMINATION SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2026**

**REMINDER**

**The Visit Albuquerque  
Annual Membership Meeting  
Will Be Held**

**September 22, 2026 at the Albuquerque Convention Center  
(Stay tuned for further details)**