

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

Office of the Mayor


One Civic Plaza NW, Albuquerque, NM 87103

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

February 19, 2025

TO: Brook Bassan, President, City Council

FROM: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor 

SUBJECT: Mayor's Appointment of Mrs. Valarie L. Thietten to the Biological Park Board

I am submitting for your advice and consent the following name for appointment to the Biological Park Board in accordance with the City of Albuquerque Ordinance 10-2-2-1

APPOINTEE NAME

Mrs. Valarie L. Thietten
Albuquerque, NM 87114

TERM

March 1, 2027

Mrs. Thietten is a retired zookeeper with 23 years of experience in the mammal department at the ABQ BioPark and six additional years working in the admissions department. Her extensive career at the BioPark provided her with in-depth knowledge of daily operations, animal management, and community engagement. For 23 years, she also served as the Union Steward for AFSCME Local 624, where she gained valuable experience in advocacy, collaboration, and policy development.

Mrs. Thietten worked closely with the City of Albuquerque, BioPark leadership, and union administrators to develop and implement an education and certification program for animal care staff, demonstrating her commitment to professional development and operational excellence. Her unique combination of practical experience, leadership skills, and dedication to fostering growth within her field makes her an asset to this Board or Commission. She brings a collaborative spirit, a strong work ethic, and a passion for improving organizational outcomes.

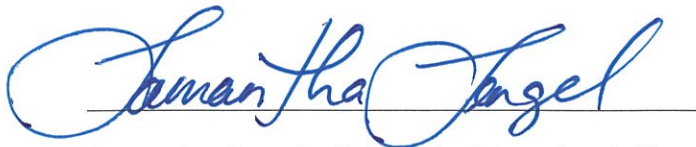
A resident of Council District 5, Mrs. Valarie L. Thietten will serve as the At Large representative on the board; her first term will expire on March 1, 2027.

Current Membership

	Representing	Name	Term
1.	City Council District 1	Vacant	
2.	City Council District 2	Ms. Winifred Whiteman-Jennings	03/01/2026
3.	City Council District 3	Vacant	
4.	City Council District 4	Ms. Rachel E. Hawkins	03/01/2025
5.	City Council District 5	Vacant	
6.	City Council District 6	Vacant	
7.	City Council District 7	Ms. Harper Correia-Kuehn	03/01/2026
8.	City Council District 8	Dr. Colin Barnett	03/01/2026
9.	City Council District 9	Vacant	
10.	At-Large	Dr. Kristina Chongsirirwatana	03/01/2025
11.	At-Large	Vacant	
12.	At-Large	Vacant	
13.	BioPark Society Rep.	Mr. Michael E. Guier	03/01/2027

Biological Park Board

Appointment of Mrs. Valarie L. Thietten

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Samantha Sengel, Chief Administrative Officer

02/24/25

Date