

## CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

### Office of the Mayor


One Civic Plaza NW, Albuquerque, NM 87103

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

#### INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

March 17, 2026

**TO:** Klarissa J. Peña, President, City Council

**FROM:** Timothy M. Keller, Mayor 

**SUBJECT:** Mayor's reappointment of Melani Buchanan Farmer, PhD to the ABQ Volunteers Advisory Board.

I am submitting for your advice and consent the following name for reappointment to the ABQ Volunteers Advisory Board in accordance with the City of Albuquerque Ordinance 2-1-19.

#### APPOINTEE NAME

Melani Buchanan Farmer, PhD  
Albuquerque, NM 87109

#### TERM

April 18, 2029

Melani Buchanan Farmer, PhD is an educator, nonprofit leader, and community advocate in Albuquerque. She is the founder of Running 505, a youth mentorship nonprofit that promotes positive development through running and community engagement, and the owner of BFit505, a fitness gym focused on health and community wellness. With over a decade of experience in education, Melani is dedicated to strengthening volunteerism, mentorship, and opportunities that support youth and families across Albuquerque.

I would like to continue to serve on the Albuquerque Volunteers Advisory Board because I believe strong communities are built through meaningful service and connection. Through my work with youth, schools, and community programs, I've seen how volunteerism creates opportunities, strengthens relationships, and supports positive outcomes for families across Albuquerque. I'm excited to help expand volunteer opportunities and encourage more people to get involved in supporting our community.

A resident of Council District 4, Melani Buchanan Farmer, PhD will continue to serve as an At Large Representative; their second term will expire on April 18, 2029.

**The remaining members are:**

Representing	Name	Term
1. At Large	Mr. David A. Chene	4/18/2028
2. At Large	Ms. Maria Adriana Sultemeier	4/18/2027
3. At Large	Mrs. Lorrie Griego	4/18/2027
4. At Large	Ms. Rebecca Sisneros	4/18/2027
5. At Large	Ms. Maria S. Geisseler	4/18/2027
6. At Large	Vacant	
7. At Large	Mr. Nathan Behrens	4/18/2028
8. At Large	Ms. Vaisu D. Bronk	4/18/2026
9. At Large	Mr. Ryan Wooley	4/18/2028
10. At Large	Vacant	
11. At Large	Ms. Melani Buchanan Farmer	4/18/2026
12. At Large	Vacant	
13. At Large	Vacant	
14. At Large	Vacant	
15. At Large	Ms. Miriam McIntosh	4/18/2026
16. At Large	Vacant	

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Samantha Sengel, Chief Administrative Officer

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Date