



CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

Office of the Mayor

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Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

May 20, 2026

TO: Klarissa J. Peña, President, City Council

FROM: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor *TMK*

SUBJECT: Mayor's Appointment of Jessilyn S. Hobby 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

Jessilyn S. Hobby
Albuquerque, NM 87106

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March 1, 2029

Jessilyn brings experience in fundraising, grant writing, community engagement, and nonprofit development, along with a strong passion for Albuquerque's public spaces and community institutions. A graduate of the University of New Mexico, where they earned a Bachelor of Arts in English Studies with a minor in History, she has held development and event management roles with organizations including Ronald McDonald House New Mexico, ALS New Mexico, and Make-A-Wish New Mexico. Their professional background includes grant writing, partnership development, event planning, donor relations, and community-focused programming.

Since moving to Albuquerque, the Aquarium and Botanic Garden have become especially meaningful spaces to them, inspiring a desire to help the BioPark grow into an even more welcoming and engaging destination for the community. They are passionate about creating inclusive public spaces where residents feel connected and welcome, and they hope to support the BioPark's continued growth and community impact through service on the Biological Park Board. Their experience in storytelling, relationship building, and connecting people to causes they care about would bring a valuable community-centered perspective to the Board.

A resident of Council District 6, Jessilyn Hobby will fill a vacancy and serve as the representative for District 6; her first term will expire on March 1, 2029.

Current Membership

	Representing	Name	Term
1.	City Council District 1	Vacant	
2.	City Council District 2	Vacant	03/01/2026
3.	City Council District 3	Vacant	
4.	City Council District 4	Rachel E. Hawkins	03/01/2025
5.	City Council District 5	Vacant	
6.	City Council District 6	Vacant	
7.	City Council District 7	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	Valarie L. Thietten	03/01/2027
13.	BioPark Society Rep.	Michael E. Guier	03/01/2027

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Samantha Sengel, Chief Administrative Officer

5 / 22 / 20

Date