



**NEW MEXICO TRANSIT ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
Monday, March 17, 2025 – 2:00 PM
2025 NMTA Transit Conference at the Santa Ana Star Hotel and Casino**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**

Board Members:

Elizabeth Carter (President), Director at Large	Present / Absent / Called In
James Barela (Vice President), Director at Large	Present / Absent / Called In
Ed Powers (Treasurer), Director at Large	Present / Absent / Called In
Rebecka Hicks, (Secretary), representing 5311 programs	Present / Absent / Called In
Kevin Olinger, (Ex-Officio representing NMDOT)	Present / Absent / Called In
Leslie Baca, representing 5310 programs	Present / Absent / Called In
Mike Bartholomew, representing 5307 programs	Present / Absent / Called In
Brent Roy, Business Member	Present / Absent / Called In
Todd Naktewa, Director at Large, representing Tribal Transit	Present / Absent / Called In
Tom Marking, Professional Business Member	Present / Absent / Called In
Anthony Mortillaro, representing Regional Transit Districts (RTD)	Present / Absent / Called In

Staff

Melissa Drake, Executive Director	Present / Absent / Called In
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Guests: _____ Present / Called In
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- 3. Approval of the Agenda**
- 4. Presentations:**
- 5. Action Items:**
 - Election of NMTA Executive Board
 - NMTA Board Election for remainder of the term of the seat representing urban transit agencies
- 6. Adjourn - Next Meeting Date/Time/Location: Thursday, May 15, 2025 – Hosting agency RoadRunner Transit in Las Cruces, NM.**



Eugene Lujan
Interim Training Center Manager,
ABQ Ride

With a deep-rooted passion for public transportation and workforce development, Eugene Lujan has built a dynamic career within ABQ Ride. Starting as a Sun Van Chauffeur, he gained firsthand experience serving the community before advancing through key operational roles, including Dispatch and Customer Service. His expertise in transit operations led him to the Training Division, where he has been instrumental in shaping the future of operator education and leadership development.

As the Interim Training Center Manager, Eugene oversees all CDL examinations, training for ABQ Ride's driving force, and professional development for support staff across the organization. His leadership extends across all three modes of ABQ Ride's transportation services—Paratransit, Fixed Route, and Micro-transit (ABQ Ride Connect). His team is responsible for training operators and support staff in each mode, ensuring they meet the highest standards of safety, customer service, and operational excellence.

Eugene played a pivotal role in establishing the Training Division as a standalone entity within ABQ Ride, previously housed under Operations. Under his leadership, the division has achieved state certification as a CDL examiner, reinforcing the agency's commitment to high-quality instruction and compliance.

Beyond training, Eugene is a recognized change agent within the organization, driving improvements in workforce development, leadership training, and mentorship programs. He is also a member of ABQ Ride's Security Team and represents the agency on the Paratransit Advisory Board, advocating for equitable and efficient transit services. With extensive knowledge, experience, and training in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), he ensures accessibility and compliance remain at the forefront of ABQ Ride's operations.

With comprehensive expertise across all facets of ABQ Ride's transportation services, Eugene Lujan is dedicated to advancing transit training, safety, and professional growth across New Mexico.