

League of Women Voters of Los Alamos

October 23, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Leslie Wallstrom called the meeting to order at 12:02pm.

Board Members Present

Leslie Wallstrom, 1st Vice-President
June Fabryka-Martin, 2nd Vice-President
Barbara Calef, Past President
Addie Jacobson, Treasurer
Cecile Hemez, Secretary
Becky Shankland, Director at Large
Lynn Jones, Voter Services/Voter Guide
Jody Benson, Publicity
Robert Williams, Membership
Karyl Ann Armbruster, Lunch with a Leader
Akkana Peck, Director at Large
Wendy Swanson, Reservations and Refreshments

Excused

Felicia Orth, President
Lisa Hampton, Community Health and Wellbeing

September LWVLA Board minutes – Cecile

Motion: June Fabryka-Martin moved to approve the September meeting minutes. Jody Benson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Addie Jacobson

September 30, 2025, financial position: \$5,188.62 on checking account, \$10,641.65 on savings account, \$35,746.78 on CD maturing 11/12/25, and \$15,302.33 on CD maturing 04/03/26 at a rate of 3.75%.

There has been a lot of activity since September 30, including payment to the *LA Daily Post* for the publication of the Voter Guide. Five thousand dollars was transferred from the savings account to the checking account. The October report will reflect those transactions.

Karyl Ann will ask Ellen Mills who at Enterprise Bank & Trust was approached about making a donation to the League this year.

We discussed alternative banking solutions to receive better interest rate on the savings account. Karyl Ann will do some research.

Motion: Barbara Calef moved that 50% of the annual Per Member Payment (PMP) of \$3,584 be paid to the League of Women Voters Education Fund, and the remaining 50% be paid to the National League. Bob Williams seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

With the implementation of ChapterSpot, no PMP will be due after this year.

Membership Report – Bob Williams

119 members and 61 associates (donors). To date, 18 members have not renewed their membership. The list was reviewed during the meeting.

ChapterSpot Update – Barbara Calef

ChapterSpot finally removed the names of three lapsed members who have renewed their membership and whose names are on the roster. There are now 53 lapsed members.

Lunch with a Leader – Karyl Ann Armbruster

- **November:** Tyler Taylor, Dena Moscola (Executive Director/CEO Española Pathways Shelter) on homelessness – to be confirmed.
- No LWL in December

Suggestion for future topics and speakers:

- Tina Cordova, representing the downwinders
- Impact of current Administration on Public Lands
- Marcela Diaz, representing Somos Un Pueblo Unido, on immigrants' rights
- State and national legislators
- Immigration policies issues

June suggested generally choosing topics the League has a position on. Cecile suggested consulting the membership on topics of interest. Karyl Ann will write an article for the *Update* inviting members to share their thoughts on possible topics.

Candidate Forum Report – A Super Moon and Forum at Pinon Elementary

About 50 people attended in person and 20 remotely. One of the School Board candidates who joined remotely lost her connection early in the meeting. Only one of the nine candidates for the Mirador Public Improvement District Board was present, two had sent statements.

The Pinon Elementary school gym is beautiful, large and well equipped. Wendy sent thank you cards to the LAPS Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for their support and presence at the event.

The Zoom link was not shared ahead of the meeting, which probably limited remote attendance.

Publicity Committee Report – Leslie Wallstrom

Leslie, Barbara, Akkana and Jody met last month. They established a list of what the League does. Leslie is working on a new brochure. The committee is exploring additional publicity options.

We discussed the response to a Letter to the Editor posted on October 18 on the *LA Reporter* website. The letter asked the League to explain its position on Voter ID requirements. Barbara is drafting the letter and will run it by the Board and Felicia before it gets published.

Update on Health Forum, February 2026 – Leslie Wallstrom

The event is being planned in collaboration with the Los Alamos Community Foundation. The team is finalizing a late February date and looking for speakers.

League Member Party

Karyl Ann will ask Ellen Mills if she can host the gathering on Sunday, November 9th.

Begin to Plan Legislative Preview: data, speakers, AAUW – Barbara Calef

Barbara reached out to Rep. Christine Chandler. The preferred date is January 8th, 2026. Wendy will check if Fuller Lodge is available. AAUW has in the past provided food and covered 50% of the rental fee. Barbara and Wendy will contact AAUW to coordinate refreshments.

Next Board Meeting

Our next meeting will be December 5 or 12. Leslie will check Felicia's availability and inform the Board of the decision.

Newsletter Deadline: November 1

LWL (Karyl Ann)

County Council, P&Z Reports (June and Craig)

Welcome, New Members (Becky/JJ)

President's Report (Felicia)

Next Lunch with a Leader: November 20, 2025, 11:45a.m.

Next LWVLA board meeting: TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46pm

Respectfully Submitted by Cecile Hemez 10/24/25
Edited with comments from June Fabryka-Martin and Barbara Calef

Approved by the Board on 12/05/25