



Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) OF THE TOWN OF MESILLA
REGULAR MEETING AT THE MESILLA TOWN HALL,
2231 AVENIDA DE MESILLA

TUESDAY, MAY 28, ~ 6:00 P.M.~

MINUTES

TRUSTEES: Russell Hernandez, Mayor
Adrianna Merrick, Mayor Pro Tem
Biviana Cadena, Trustee (Absent)
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee
Gerard Nevarez, Trustee

STAFF: Ben Azcarate, Interim Marshal
Gloria S Maya, Town Clerk/Recorder

PUBLIC: Greg Lester Andrea Bryan
Trina Witter Catharine Walkinshaw
Mary H Ratje Bill & Janice Cook
Trina Witter Susan Krueger

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Trustee Johnson-Burick, Trustee Nevarez

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL

Motion: To approve agenda, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: (The Board will be asked to approve by one motion the following items of recurring or routine business. The Consent Agenda is marked with an asterisk *)

Motion: To approve consent agenda, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

Motion passed unanimously.

- a) ***BOT MINUTES** – Minutes of BOT, 05.13.2024 *Approved by consent agenda*
- b) ***BOT SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES** – Minutes of BOT Special Meeting, 05.21.2024
Approved by consent agenda

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON CASES – The public is invited to address the Board as allowed by the chair.

No Public Input

6. ACTION AND CONSIDERATION

NEW BUSINESS

a) **APPROVAL:** New Mexico Department of Tourism 2025 Cooperative Marketing Agreement
Mayor Hernandez reviewed the New Mexico Department of Tourism 2025 Cooperative Marketing Agreement.

Motion: To approve the New Mexico Department of Tourism 2025 Cooperative Marketing Agreement, Moved by Trustee Nevarez, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3)

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Nevarez Yes

b) **APPROVAL:** DSI Town Hall Copy Machine Lease Agreement: July 2025 – June 2029
Mayor Hernandez reviewed the DSI Town Hall Copy Machine Lease Agreement: July 2025-June 2029.

Motion: To approve the DSI Town Hall Copy Machine Lease Agreement: July 2025-June 2029, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3)

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Nevarez Yes

c) **APPROVAL:** Resolution 2024-12 – Special Use Permit/SUP #61805
Mayor Hernandez reviewed Resolution 2024-12 - Special Use Permit/SUP #61805.

Motion: To approve Resolution 2024-12 – Special Use Permit/SUP #61805, Moved by Trustee Nevarez, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

Trustee Johnson-Burick noted the misspelling of “Barela”.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3)

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Nevarez Yes

8. PUBLIC INPUT – The public is invited to address the Board as allowed by the chair.

Ms. Ratje expressed her concerns about the Vacation Rental Ordinance.

Ms. Walkinshaw expressed her concerns about the Short-Term Rentals Ordinance. Recommended there be a meeting to discuss Short-Term Rentals.

9. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: To approve entering Closed Executive Session, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-)

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Nevarez Yes

Entered Closed Executive Session at 6:12 p.m.

- a. Discussion of limited personnel matters pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) –**
 - **Econ & Comm Development Department: Summer Recreation Teachers**
 - **Marshal Department**
 - **Public Works Department**

Motion: To approve entering Regular Meeting, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-)

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Nevarez Yes

Entered Regular Meeting at 6:41 p.m.

APPROVAL: Any actions that may arise as a result of discussions in Closed Executive Session.

Motion: To approve Summer Recreation Lead Supervisor – Clara Lujan, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3)

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Nevarez Yes

Motion: To approve Summer Recreation Supervisor – Melissa Padilla, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3)

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Nevarez Yes

Motion: To approve Summer Recreation Supervisor – Norma Garcia, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3)

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Nevarez Yes

10. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Johnson-Burick: MPO Executive Meeting Wednesday, May 29th; MPO Meeting Wednesday, June 12th

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick: MPO Executive Meeting Wednesday, May 29th; MPO Meeting Wednesday, June 12th

12. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

Interim Marshal Azcarate stated they received Jag Funding in the amount of \$46,284.00 for the Security System. Ms. Sanchez will stay another week to help train Mr. Garcia in Animal Control and Codes. Fire Chief Whited is at Blue Tooth Fire; Ms. Davis-Whited is in charge.

Mayor Hernandez gave an update on the Planning and Zoning open positions, Public Art, My-Civic. He received notice that Rep. Vasquez and Rep. Heinrick intend to submit for funding so we can move forward on the Board Room addition which if approved will be fully funded.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Town of Mesilla Trustees unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting. (Summary: Yes-3).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:57 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF MAY, 2024

Russell Hernandez
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gloria S. Maya
Town Clerk/Treasurer