



# Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT)**  
**TOWN OF MESILLA**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**TRUSTEES:** Nora Barraza, Mayor  
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Mayor Pro Tem (Absent)  
Bivian Cadena, Trustee  
Veronica Garcia, Trustee  
Adrianna Merrick, Trustee

**STAFF:** Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief  
Rod McGillivray, Public Works Director  
Enrique Salas, Marshal  
Rani Bush, Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Ben Azcarate, Lieutenant

**PUBLIC:** Rio Grande Prep                      Crystal Davis-Whited  
Greg Whited                                Reba R  
Ruleen White

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Barraza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

**Roll Call.**

**Present:** Mayor Barraza, Trustee Cadena, Trustee Garcia, Trustee Merrick

**3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL**

**Motion: To approve agenda, Moved by Trustee Garcia, Seconded by Trustee Merrick.**

**Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =3).

Trustee Cadena    Yes  
Trustee Garcia    Yes  
Trustee Merrick    Yes

Mayor Barraza introduced Mr. Joe Padilla, Community Development Coordinator and Ms. Rani Bush, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Ms. Bush and Mr. Padilla stated they are excited to be part of the team.

Rio Grande Prep staff and students introduced themselves and invited everyone to their event on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Barraza stated the town is so grateful for the partnership and collaboration they have with Rio Grande Prep.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT – The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes.**  
Space is limited and may require persons giving public input IN PERSON to rotate if capacity of the room is exceeded.

Ms. Krueger asked why not all the PZHAC cases are on the BOT agenda.

5. **APPROVAL OF 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, Seconded by Trustee Merrick.**

**Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes =).

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Merrick Yes

- a) **\*BOT MINUTES** – Minutes of regular meeting January 24, 2022. *Approved by consent agenda*
- b) **\*BOT MINUTES** – Minutes of regular meeting February 14, 2022. *Approved by consent agenda*
- c) **\*PZHAC Case #061343 – 2350 Calle de Parian**, submitted by Joni Gutierrez & Lowell Catlett a request to repaint current Zia art on barn door with a stylized American flag w/condition. See attached **Zoned: Historic Residential** *Approved by consent agenda*

6. **CLOSED SESSION** – pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(2): discussion limited to the hiring of personnel for the Marshal Department. **Board of Trustees.**

**Motion: To enter Closed Session – pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(2): discussion limited to the hiring of personal for the Marshal Department, Moved by Trustee Garcia, Seconded by Trustee Merrick.**

**Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes =3).

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Merrick Yes

**Entered Closed Session at 6:16 p.m.**

7. **STATEMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION AND ROLL CALL VOTE** – discussion limited to the hiring of personnel for the Marshal Department pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(2). – **Board of Trustees.**

**Motion: To enter Regular Meeting pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(2): after discussion limited to the hiring of personal for the Marshal Department; no action taken, Moved by Trustee Garcia, Seconded by Trustee Merrick.**

**Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes =).

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Merrick Yes

**Entered Regular Session at 6:40 p.m.**

**8. ACTION ON MATTERS FROM CLOSED SESSION** – the hiring of personnel for the Marshal Department pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(2). – **Board of Trustees.**  
Mayor Barraza recommended hiring Ms. Lourdes Hernandez.

**Motion: To approve the hiring of Lourdes Hernandez for the Marshal Department, Moved by Trustee Garcia, Seconded by Trustee Merrick.**

**Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =3).

Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Garcia Yes  
Trustee Merrick Yes

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

a) *For Approval:* stipend (\$200 a week) for Gloria Maya - extra duties assigned. – **Mayor Barraza**

Mayor Barraza commended Ms. Maya for stepping up in assuming extra duties and would like the stipend to be retroactive from January 31<sup>st</sup> and go through March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion: To approve a \$200 stipend for Gloria Maya – extra duties, Moved by Trustee Garcia, Seconded by Trustee Merrick.**

**Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =3).

Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Garcia Yes  
Trustee Merrick Yes

**10. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Merrick: meeting scheduled this week

Trustee Garcia: Architecture Style Committee

Trustee Cadena: no meeting scheduled

**11. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**

Fire Chief Hoban stated they had a control burn. Training new recruits. Fire Marshal Inspection was held last week.

Marshal Salas stated “Sonny” has been accepted and is a ward of the state. Adult Protective Services will give a presentation after the training on Tuesday.

Trustee Cadena asked about the MOLI training.

Mayor Barraza responded she will forward the information and asked that they let the office know if they are attending.

Trustee Merrick welcomed the new employees.

Trustee Garcia asked for an update on the Colonias application. Welcomed the new employees

Mr. McGillivray responded it is on schedule.

Mayor Barraza stated she will be providing the information he requested. Thanked everyone for their patience. She is looking forward to working with Mr. Padilla and Ms. Bush; town hall has a good team. We lost Mr. Joey Avalos who was a Mercado Vendor.

Trustee Garcia asked if tents and sandwich signs will be removed since the mask mandate was lifted.

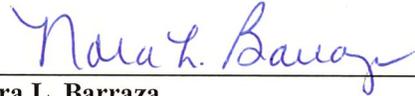
Mayor Barraza responded we will be going back to following the ordinance on March 15<sup>th</sup>; that information is in the business renewal letter. Board of Trustees only hear cases that are in the Historical Residential, Commercial, and Commercial Zones.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The Town of Mesilla Trustees unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting. (Summary: Yes-4).

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.**

**APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH, 2022.**



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Nora L. Barraza  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Rani Bush  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

