



Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) OF THE TOWN OF MESILLA

**WORK SESSION AT THE MESILLA TOWN HALL,
2231 AVENIDA DE MESILLA**

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

TRUSTEES: Russell Hernandez, Mayor
Adrianna Merrick, Mayor Pro Tem
Biviana Cadena, Trustee (5:15 p.m.)
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee
Gerard Nevarez, Trustee

STAFF: Ben Azcarate, Marshal
Edward Salazar, Econ & Com Development Director
Greg Whited, Fire Chief
Gloria S Maya, Town Clerk/Recorder

PUBLIC: Eric Walkinshaw Greg Lester
Andrea Bryan Rob Cabello
John Fietze Trina Witter
Crystal Davis-Whited Susan Krueger
Jesus Lopez Mary Helen Ratje
Judd Singer Mary F Lucero
Catharine Walkinshaw Eric Walkinshaw
Bill & Janice Cook Veronica Garcia
Lori Miller

1. Budget Review

Mayor Hernandez reviewed the FY2025-2026 Preliminary Budget.

2. ICIP Review

Mayor Hernandez reviewed the ICIP.

Trustees commented and made recommendations.

Closed Worksession at 5:42 p.m.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) OF THE TOWN OF MESILLA

**REGULAR MEETING AT THE MESILLA TOWN HALL,
2231 AVENIDA DE MESILLA**

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025 – Immediately Following Work Session

MINUTES

5:51 P.M.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll Call.

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

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL

Motion: To approve agenda, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. 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 *)

- a) ***BOT MINUTES** – April 28, 2025 Public Hearing, Work Session & Regular Meeting *Approved by consent agenda*
- b) ***APPROVAL:** PZHAC CASE #061997 2547 Calle del Norte, Submitted by Rosalina Contreras. Seeking permission to restore the rear and east side of her adobe home, walls and doors included. -ZONE: Historic Residential (HR). *Approved by consent agenda*
- c) ***APPROVAL:** PZHAC CASE #061999-1901 Calle Pecana, submitted by Mr. Cydney Gail & Michael Drew Dutcher. Requesting approval to construct a primary residence on property. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR). *Approved by consent agenda*

Motion: To approve agenda, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. PRESENTATION:

d) Award Presentation: Fire Department

Fire Chief Whited presented an award to Deputy Lopez.

e) Award Presentation: Fire Department

Ms. Whited presented an award to Fire Chief Whited.

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

Ms. Garcia commented

Ms. Ratje commented

Ms. Lucero commented

7. ACTION AND CONSIDERATION

NEW BUSINESS

a. DISCUSSION: Ordinance: Murals, Sculptures, & Public Art

Mayor Hernandez gave a review of the Ordinance: Murals, Sculptures, & Public Art.

b. DISCUSSION: Municipal Ordinance Jurisdiction Advisory Committee (MOJAC)

i. Timeline for Committee Public Hearing, Meeting Review, Recommendations to BOT

ii. Mayor Resident Representative

iii. Judge Resident Representative

Mayor Hernandez presented the process for the Municipal Ordinance Jurisdiction Advisory Committee (MOJAC)

Judge Dimatteo commented

Mr. Cabello commented

Trustees commented

Mayor Hernandez nominated Ms. Ellis as Mayor Resident Representative.

Judge Dimatteo nominated Ms. Garcia as Judge Resident Representative.

c. APPROVAL: Nomination BOT Representative MOJAC

Trustee Cadena nominated Trustee Nevarez for BOT Representative – MOJAC.

Motion: To approve nomination BOT Representative MOJAC, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3; No-1)

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick	Yes
Trustee Cadena	Yes
Trustee Johnson-Burick	No
Trustee Nevarez	Yes

d. APPROVAL: Nomination BOT Resident Representative MOJAC

Trustee Nevarez nominated Mr. Heinrick for BOT Resident Representative - MOJAC

Motion: To approve nomination BOT Resident Representative MOJAC, Moved by Trustee Nevarez, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3; No-1)

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick	Yes
Trustee Cadena	Yes
Trustee Johnson-Burick	No
Trustee Nevarez	Yes

e. APPROVAL: Formal Formation of 7 Member Municipal Ordinance Jurisdiction Advisory Committee

Motion: To approve Formal Formation of 7 Member Municipal Ordinance Jurisdiction Advisory Committee, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3; No-1)

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Johnson-Burick No
Trustee Nevarez Yes

f. APPROVAL: Resolution 2025-34 – Budget Adjustment

Mayor Hernandez reviewed Resolution 2025-34 – Budget Adjustment.

Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-34 – Budget Adjustment, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)

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

g. APPROVAL: Resolution 2025-35 – Destruction of Records

Mr. Salazar reviewed Resolution 2025-35 – Destruction of Records.

Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-35 – Destruction of Records, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Judge Dimatteo commented

Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)

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

h. APPROVAL: 2027-2031 ICIP

Mayor Hernandez reviewed the 2027-2031 ICIP.

Motion: To approve 2027–2031 ICIP, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.

Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)

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

i. APPROVAL: Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget

Motion: To approve Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.

Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Nevarez Yes

j. APPROVAL: DAC Vector Control Agreement

Mayor Hernandez reviewed the DAC Vector Control Agreement.

Motion: To approve the DAC Vector Control Agreement, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Trustee Nevarez commented

Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Nevarez Yes

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

Mr. Robertson commented

Ms. Garcia commented

Ms. Lucero commented

Ms. Davis-Whited commented

9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS & LIASION UPDATES

Trustee Johnson-Burick: MPO Wednesday, May 14th

Trustee Cadena: Friends of the Monument Wednesday, May 14th

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick: MPO Wednesday, May 14th, update on projects

Mayor Hernandez: MPO Wednesday, May 14th, Friends of the Monument, Wednesday, May 14th

10. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

a. *Ongoing Projects Listing*

b. *Calendar of Events*

Marshal Azcarate gave a department (Marshal) update.

Fire Chief Whited gave a department (Fire) update.

Mayor Hernandez gave a department (Public Works) update.

Mr. Salazar gave a department (Com/Economic Development) update.

Ms. Maya gave a department (Finance) update.

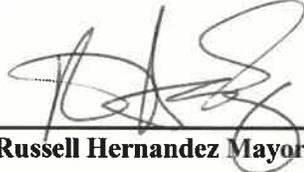
Trustees commented

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:36 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF MAY, 2025.



Russell Hernandez Mayor

ATTEST:



Gloria S. Maya
Town Clerk/Treasurer



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