



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

REGULAR MEETING WITH PUBLIC HEARING

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

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

TRUSTEES: Russell Hernandez, Mayor
Adrianna Merrick, Mayor Pro Tem
Biviana Cadena, Trustee
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: Veronica Garcia Jerry Garcia
Trina Witter Rob Cabellos
Catharine Walkinshaw C. Alexander
Andrea Bryan Greg Lester
Mary H. Ratje Crystal Whited
Ruben Quintana Richard Moreno

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hernandez held a Moment Silence for all those who have fallen.

2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Trustee Cadena, 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.

Mayor Hernandez stated a correction to the agenda as there is not a Public Hearing and requested moving Consent

Agenda item 4a to the first item under New Business.

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

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

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

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 – June 23, 2025 BOT Regular Meeting

Motion: To approve BOT minutes – June 23, 2025 Regular Meeting, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

Mayor Hernandez reviewed the process for Resolution 2025-44.

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

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

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

- b) *APPROVAL – Purchase Order** – Quality Window Tinting – Window Tint/Service – \$8,677.46. *Approved by consent agenda*
- c) *APPROVAL - Purchase Requisition** – Kustom Signals – Marshal Vehicles - \$4,657.38. *Approved by consent agenda*
- d) *APPROVAL - Purchase Requisition** – Melloy Dodge – Marshal Vehicle Purchase - \$46,017.00. *Approved by consent agenda*
- e) *APPROVAL - Purchase Requisition** – A-Mountain Construction – Roads/Maintenance - \$94,418.51. *Approved by consent agenda*
- f) *APPROVAL - Purchase Requisition** – CES – Calle de Santiago - \$168,560.18. *Approved by consent agenda*
- g) *APPROVAL - Purchase Requisition** – Small Beginnings – Marshal Purchases - \$37,522.51 *Approved by consent agenda*
- h) *APPROVAL – Purchase Requisition** – Southwest Envirotec – Community Center - \$5,397.00 *Approved by consent agenda*
- i) *APPROVAL – PZHAC CASE #062021** – 2185 Calle de Guadalupe, submitted by Richard Moreno. Requesting approval to install two gates on property. ZONE: Historic Residential (HR). *Approved by consent agenda*
- j) *APPROVAL – PZHAC CASE #062022** – 2316 Calle de Colon, submitted by Steven Martinez. Requesting approval to renovate his workshop’s roof. Currently it has rolled tar roofing material and would like to change it to white/natural corrugated steel. ZONE: Historic Residential (HR) *Approved by consent agenda*

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

Motion passed unanimously

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

Ms. Ratje commented

Ms. Wittern commented

Ms. Garcia commented

Mr. Alexander commented

Mr. Garcia commented

6. ACTION AND CONSIDERATION

NEW BUSINESS

a) ACCEPTANCE: MOJAC Committee Findings & Recommendation

Original Motion: To approve MOJAC Committee Findings & Recommendation, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

Mayor Hernandez commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Trustee Nevarez commented

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick - Called for The Question

Original Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3; No-2)

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

b) DISCUSSION: Code updates & Codes Hearing Examiner

Mayor Hernandez gave an overview.

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick commented

Trustee Nevarez commented

c) APPROVAL: Ordinance 2025-01 – Dona Ana County Magistrate Court Jurisdiction Designation

Mayor Hernandez gave an overview

Motion: To approve Ordinance 2025-01 – Dona Ana County Magistrate Court Jurisdiction Designation, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Trustee Nevarez commented

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick commented

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

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

Amended Motion: To postpone approval Ordinance 2025-01 -Dona Ana County Magistrate Court Jurisdiction Designation, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

Amended Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-5)

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

d) DISCUSSION & APPROVAL: Resolution 2025-46 2027-2031 ICIP
Mayor Hernandez gave an overview

Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-46 2027-2031 ICIP, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

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

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

e) APPROVAL: Resolution 2025-42 – Capital Asset Certification
Mayor Hernandez gave an overview.

Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-42 – Capital Asset Certification, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.

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

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

Trustee Nevarez Yes

f) APPROVAL: Resolution 2025-45 – Authorized Officers & Agents
Mayor Hernandez gave an overview.

Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-45 – Authorized Officers & Agents, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.

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: 2025-2026 Wildlife Services Agreement
Mayor Hernandez gave an overview.

Motion: To approve 2025-2026 Wildlife Services Agreement, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.

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: SCCOG Agreement/Resolution
Mayor Hernandez gave an overview.

Motion: To approve SCCOG Agreement/Resolution, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

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: P&Z Commission Open Seat Appointment – Board action form at meeting
Mayor Hernandez gave an overview.

Motion: To approve P&Z Commission Open Seat Appointment – Board Action Form at meeting, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.

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:** P&Z Board with 2 Alternates – Board action form at meeting
Mayor Hernandez gave an overview.

Motion: To approve P&Z Board with 2 Alternates – Board Action Form at meeting, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

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

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

7. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) **Discussion of limited personnel matters pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) – Fire Department**

b) **Discussion concerning attorney/client privilege matters pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7) – Marshal Department**

Motion: To close Regular Meeting and enter Closed Executive Session, Moved by Trustee Nevarez, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

Motion passed unanimously

Entered Closed Executive Session at 6:49 p.m.

Motion: To enter Regular Meeting, Moved by Trustee Cadena, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

Motion passed unanimously

Entered Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

8. Any Actions that may arise as a result of Closed Executive Session
No Action Needed

9. PUBLIC INPUT – The public is invited to address the Board as allowed by the chair.
Ms. Garcia commented

Mr. Alexander commented

10. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS & LIASION UPDATES

Trustee Cadena: Friends of the Taylor Monument Advisory Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick: MPO meeting in August

Mayor Hernandez: SCCOG meeting July 25th, Friends of the Taylor Monument Advisory Meeting, IT meeting, Department Head meeting, AdHoc and Lodgers' Tax meetings, Document Storage System meeting, NMML Annual Conference September 16-19 in Ruidoso, Moli training August 6-8, Bosque meeting (substation)

11. 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.

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

Mr. Astorga gave a department (Public Works) update.

Ms. Maya gave a department (Finance) update.

Trustee Nevarez commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick commented

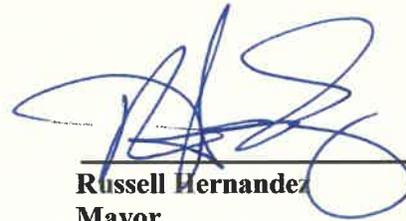
Mayor Hernandez commented

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

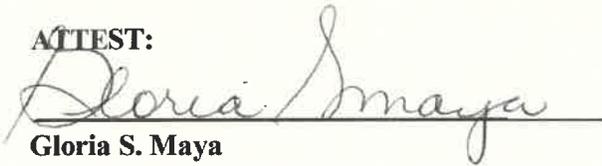
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:44 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY, 2025.



**Russell Hernandez
Mayor**

ATTEST:



**Gloria S. Maya
Town Clerk/Treasurer**



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**BOT REGULAR
MEETING
SIGN UP SHEET
July 14, 2025**

NAME	ADDRESS
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Jenny Garcia	" " "
Tyrone Witter	
Rob Cabel	Myrtle Springs
Sharon Walshaw	2134 Calle de Principal Mesilla
ALEXANDER	MESILLA-
Andrea Boyan	Mesilla
Greg Lester	Mesilla
Mara F. Rutje	"
Crystal Whitel	MFD
Greg Whitel	MFD
Ruben Quintana	2185 Calle De Guadalupe
Richard Moreno	2185 Calle De Guadalupe

