



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

REGULAR MEETING

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

MONDAY, JULY 28, 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
Cole Morris, Fire Captain
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
Guinivere Mayse Laura Hooten
Pat Taylor Richard Jacquez
Jerry Walla P Jesse
Bill & Janice Cooke Lori Miller

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 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 requested removal of items 8 and 9 from the agenda. .

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

Amended Motion 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 *)

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

Trustee Cadena noted sign in sheet missing and public in attendance is incorrect.

Amended Motion: To approve consent agenda with noted corrections, Moved by Trustee Cadena, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

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

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

- a) ***BOT MINUTES** – July 14, 2025 BOT Regular Meeting *Approved by consent agenda*
- b) ***APPROVAL** – Purchase Order - Purchase Requisition – Molzen/Corbin – Calle de Oeste Reconstruction - \$6,418.76 *Approved by consent agenda*
- c) ***APPROVAL** - Purchase Requisition – Molzen/Corbin – On Call Services – 6,159.71 *Approved by consent agenda*
- d) ***APPROVAL** – BUSINESS LICENSE #1394 – 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Suite #7. Submitted by Rachel Floyd. Applicant is looking to reopen her business, Spaology, a wellness service business, in the Town of Mesilla. ZONE: Commercial (C) *Approved by consent agenda*
- e) ***APPROVAL** – PZHAC CASE #062029 – 2315 Calle de Jon Guerra, submitted by Reynaldo Garcia. Requesting approval to build an addition to his primary residence. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR). *Approved by consent agenda*

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

Mayor Hernandez reviewed the process that will be followed for Public Input.

Mr. Taylor commented

Ms. Walkinshaw commented

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a) **DISCUSSION:** Municipal Jurisdiction Advisory Committee and Ordinance 2025-01

Mayor Hernandez gave an overview of the Municipal Jurisdiction Advisory Committee and Ordinance 2025-01.

Ms. Garcia commented

Judge Jacquez commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented
Mayor Hernandez called Point of Order
Trustee Cadena commented
Trustee Johnson-Burick commented
Mayor Hernandez called Point of Order
Trustee Johnson-Burick commented
Mayor Pro Tem Merrick commented
Trustee Nevarez commented
Judge Jacquez commented
Mayor Hernandez commented
Trustee Johnson-Burick called Point of Order
Mayor Hernandez Point of Order not recognized
Trustee Johnson-Burick commented
Mayor Hernandez commented

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

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

Mayor Hernandez commented
Trustee Cadena commented
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Mr. Cabellos commented
Mayor Hernandez commented
Mr. Cabellos commented
Trustee Nevarez commented

Mr. Cabellos commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Mayor Hernandez commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Mr. Cabellos commented

Trustee Cadena commented

AMENDED MOTION: To table discussion until later in this meeting, to allow legal representation to review the necessary documents, Moved by Trustee Nevarez, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

Trustee Cadena commented

Mayor Hernandez called Point of Order

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

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

MOTION: To approve tabled item Old Business 6b to be reheard, Moved by Trustee Nevarez, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

Mr. Cabellos commented

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

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

Mayor Hernandez commented

7. ACTION AND CONSIDERATION

NEW BUSINESS

- a) ***APPROVAL** – PZHAC CASE #062026 – Avenida de Mesilla, submitted by the Town of Mesilla. Requesting approval to install a commemorative sign at Commemorative Park. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR).

Gave an overview of PZHAC Case #062026.

Trustee Nevarez commented

Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #062026 – Avenida de Mesilla, submitted by the Town of Mesilla. Requesting approval to install a commemorative sign at Commemorative Park. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick	Yes
Trustee Cadena	Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Nevarez Yes

- b) **PZHAC CASE #062030** – 2410 Calle de Parian, submitted by Tom Hutchinson, “La Posta”.
Requesting approval for small building expansion and parking lot improvements. ZONE:
Historical Commercial (HC).

Mr. Salazar gave an overview of PZHAC Case #062030.

Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #062030 – 2410 Calle de Parian, submitted by Tom Hutchinson, “La Posta”. Requesting approval for small building expansion and parking lot improvements. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Fire Chief Whited commented

Amended Motion: To postpone PZHAC Case #062030 – 2410 Calle de Parian, submitted by Tom Hutchinson, “La Posta”. Requesting approval for small building expansion and parking lot improvements. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

Trustee Nevarez commented

Mr. Salazar commented

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

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

- c) **Discussion/Approval** – New Mexico Historic Preservation Division Posting
NOT APPLICABLE

- d) **DISCUSSION:** EMS Services, County Agreement, & Positions

Mayor Hernandez commented

Fire Chief Whited commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

- e) **APPROVAL:** Dona Ana County Agreement

Motion: To approve Dona Ana County Agreement, 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

f) **APPROVAL:** EMS Positions

Motion: To approve EMS Positions, 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

g) **APPROVAL:** Resolution 2025-43 FY2024-2025 4TH Quarter

Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-43 FY2024-2025 4th Quarter, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

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:** Resolution 2025-44 FY2025-2026 Final Operating Budget

Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-44 FY2025-2026 Final Operating Budget, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

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:** Resolution 2025-48 Budget Adjustments

Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-48 Budget Adjustments, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

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:** Resolution 2025-47 Holidays

Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-47 Holidays, 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

8. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) 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) – **REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

9. Any Actions that may arise as a result of Closed Executive Session – *REMOVED FROM AGENDA*

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

Mr. Ontiveros commented

Mr. Woodruff commented

Ms. Garcia commented

Ms. Witter commented

11. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS & LIASION UPDATES

Trustee Nevarez: Friends of Taylor Monument, met with Economic/Development Director

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick: MPO in August

Mayor Hernandez: SCRTD, NMML IPRA training, State Park Recreation Director, Town Engineers, Square 9 Document Solutions, Office of Emergency Management.

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

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

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick commented

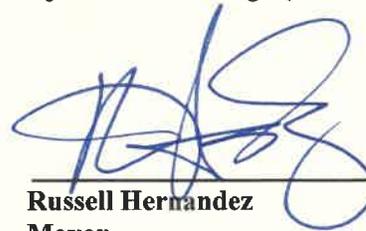
Mayor Hernandez commented

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:58 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.



**Russell Hernandez
Mayor**

ATTEST:



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

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**BOT REGULAR
MEETING
SIGN UP SHEET
July 28, 2025**

NAME	ADDRESS
Rob Cobble	Mynott Spruce IC
Vernica Garcia	2148 Calle de los Huertos
Jemy Garcia	" " "
Guinivere Mayse	3804 N Valley
Catherine Walters	2134 Calle de Principal Mesilla
Laura Hoctor	2865 Teresita, Mesilla
PAT HAYES	MESILLA
RICHARD JACQUEZ	DISTRICT COURT ^{CHIEF} CHIEF JUDGE
GREG LESTER	2557 Calle de Purian
ANDREA BRYAN	
Jemy Walla	1619 Regal Rafe Le NM
Jesse	
G. Morris	Mesilla Fire Dept
Marty # Ratje	Mesilla
G. Muller	"
Bill & JANICE COOK	" "
G. WHITED	Mesilla
C Whited	Mesilla
Trina Witter	"

