



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

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025 – 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, Marshal
Cole Morris, Fire Captain
Edward Salazar, Econ & Com Development Director
Greg Whited, Fire Chief
Gloria S Maya, Town Clerk/Recorder

PUBLIC:

Rob Caballos	Veronica Garcia
Orlando Casas	Melissa Martinez
Henry Ramos	Jeannie Lucero
Rebecca Segovia	Annette Grando
Sam Bernal	Geronimo Garcia
Robert Hernandez	Mike Rosales
Trina Witter	Martha Mulvihill
Mary F Lucero	Edward Martinez
Grace Noyola	Diego Caro
Sammy Bernal Jr	Andrea Bryan
Greg Lester	Lori Miller
Adrian Renteria	Sallie Clayshulte
Maria Bernal	Mary H Ratje

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 Nevarez, Trustee Johnson-Burick.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL

Mayor Hernandez requested removing items 8a and 9 from the agenda.

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick 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 *) Mayor Hernandez reviewed item.

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

Motion passed unanimously

- a) ***BOT MINUTES** – August 11, 2025 - BOT Regular Meeting *Approved by consent agenda*
b) ***APPROVAL** - Purchase Order – Souder, Miller & Associates – Water Well/Tank - \$131,755.51
Approved by consent agenda

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

Ms. Mulvihill read correspondence.

Ms. Granados read correspondence.

6. **PRESENTATION**

- a) **Dona Ana County Vector Control – Robert Herrera**

Mr. Herrera and Mr. Casas made a presentation on the Dona Ana County Vector Control.

Trustee Nevarez commented

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick commented

7. **ACTION AND CONSIDERATION**
NEW BUSINESS

- a) **PZHAC CASE #062038** – 2101 Calle de Norte, submitted by Juan D. Caro. Requesting approval for an addition to his primary residence. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR).

Mr. Salazar gave an overview of PZHAC Case #062038.

Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #062038 – 2101 Calle de Norte, submitted by Juan D. Caro. Requesting approval for an addition to his primary residence. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Trustee Nevarez, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-2; No-1)

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

- b) **PZHAC CASE #161940** – 2615 Calle de Sur, submitted by Sam Bernal. Requesting approval of a subdivision of his property. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR).

Mr. Salazar gave an overview of PZHAC Case #061940.

Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #061940 = 2615 Calle de Sur, submitted by Sam Bernal. Requesting approval of a subdivision of his property. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

Mayor Hernandez commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Mr. Salazar commented

Trustee Nevarez commented

Fire Chief Whited commented

Amended Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #061940 - 2615 Calle de Sur, submitted by Sam Bernal as amended - with conditions. Requesting approval of a subdivision of his property. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Mayor Hernandez.

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick commented

Amended Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-2; No-1)

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

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick commented

Fire Chief Whited commented

Mayor Hernandez called for Point of Order and commented

Original Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion denied (summary: Yes-1; No-2)

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

c) **APPROVAL** – Resolution 2025-51 – Destruction of Records

Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-51 – Destruction of Records. 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

8. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) **Discussion concerning the purchase of land and shall be closed to the public pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(8) – *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.

Ms. Ratje commented

Ms. Wittern commented

Ms. Garcia commented

11. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS & LIASION UPDATES

Trustee Nevarez: Attended Family Day on Saturday

Trustee Johnson-Burick: MPO meeting on August 13th; next meeting September 10th

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick: MPO meeting September 10th; Mr. Astorga gave her an update on the Public Works Department

12. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

a) *Ongoing Projects Listing*

b) *Calendar of Events*

Marshal Azcarate gave a department (Marshal) update.

Fire Chief gave a department (Fire) update.

Mr. Salazar gave a department (ComDev/Economic) update.

Trustee Nevarez commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Mayor Hernandez commented

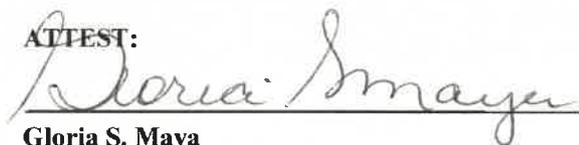
13. ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:08 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ATTEST:



Gloria S. Maya
Town Clerk/Treasurer


Russell Hernandez
Mayor



****BOT MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE ON TOWN OF MESILLA'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL****