



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

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

TRUSTEES: Russell Hernandez, Mayor
Adrianna Merrick, Mayor Pro Tem
Biviana Cadena, Trustee
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee
Gerard Nevarez, Trustee

STAFF: Lourdes Hernandez, Sergeant
Christopher Stephens, Fire Department
Edward Salazar, Econ & Com Development Director
Gloria S Maya, Town Clerk/Recorder

PUBLIC: Connor McCarthy Trinia Witter
Andrea Bryan Greg Lester
Catharine Walkinshaw Eric Walkinshaw
Allie Caskey Mary H Ratje
Bill & Janice Cook

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 Johnson-Burick, Trustee Nevarez.

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)

- a) **BOT MINUTES** – September 22, 2025 - BOT Regular Meeting *Approved by consent agenda*
- b) **PURCHASE REQUISITION** – Roof Care - Community Center Roof Repair - \$5,250.74. *Approved by consent agenda*
- c) **PURCHASE REQUISITION** – Advanced Communications & Electronics – Marshal Vehicle Equip - \$30,242.35 *Approved by consent agenda*

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

Motion passed unanimously

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

Ms. Witter commented

- 6. PRESENTATION:**

- a) US Solar – Community Solar Program for the Town of Mesilla**

Mr. McCarthy, US Solar, made a presentation on Community Solar Program for the Town of Mesilla.

- 7. ACTION AND CONSIDERATION**

NEW BUSINESS

- a) DISCUSSION – US Solar Community Program and Agreement**

Mayor Hernandez commented

Trustee Nevarez commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

- b) APPROVAL – Sites Southwest – 2025 Town of Mesilla Comprehensive Plan**

Ms. Caskey, Sites Southwest, gave an update on the 2025 Town of Mesilla Comprehensive Plan.

Motion: To approve Sites Southwest – 2025 Town of Mesilla Comprehensive Plan, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Mayor Hernandez commented

Trustee Cadena commented

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. Walkinshaw commented

- 9. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a) Discussion concerning attorney-client privilege 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**

b) Discussion concerning limited personnel matters; pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) – Marshal Department

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

Motion passed unanimously

Entered Closed Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

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

Motion passed unanimously

Entered Regular Meeting at 7:33 p.m.

10. Any Actions that may arise as a result of Closed Executive Session.

Motion: To approve the hiring of Ms. Catrina Ornelas contingent on a background check and a psych evaluation, 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

11. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS & LIASION UPDATES

Trustee Nevarez: Economic/Community Development meeting, Friends of The Taylor Site Board Meeting, Imagining America Conference at NMSU

Trustee Johnson-Burick: MPO October meeting cancelled, next MPO meeting November 12th

Trustee Cadena: Friends of the Taylor Site Board Meeting, participated in the Historic Site Town Clean Up

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick: MPO October meeting cancelled, participated in Walk to School Day

Mayor Hernandez: participated in Walk to School Day, Lodger's Tax meeting, Arts and Cultural meeting, participated in the Historic Site Town Clean Up and walk-thru, MPO meeting cancelled

12. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

a) *Ongoing Projects Listing*

b) *Calendar of Events*

Sergeant Hernandez gave a department (Marshal) update.

EMT Stevens gave a department (Fire) update.

Mayor Hernandez gave a department (Public Works) update.

Ms. Maya gave a department (Finance) update.

Trustee Nevarez commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Mayor Hernandez commented

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

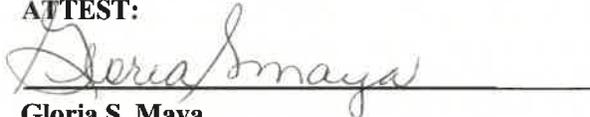
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:57 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.



**Russell Hernandez
Mayor**

ATTEST:



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



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