



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, OCTOBER 27, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

STAFF: Ben Azcarate, Marshal
Lorenzo Astorga, Public Works Director
Edward Salazar, Econ & Com Development Director
Gloria S Maya, Town Clerk/Recorder

PUBLIC: Trinia Witter Megan & Jake Quinones
Andrea Bryan Greg Lester
Crystal Davis-Whited Jesus Caro

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.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL

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

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 – October 14, 2025 - BOT Regular Meeting

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

Motion passed unanimously

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

No Public Input

6. PRESENTATION:

- No Minor Sale Campaign

Mr. Diego Romero made a presentation on the No Minor Sale Campaign.

Trustee Nevarez commented

7. ACTION AND CONSIDERATION

NEW BUSINESS

a) DISCUSSION – Revenue & Expense Overview

Ms. Maya gave an overview of the Revenue & Expense Report for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2026.

b) DISCUSSION – Fire Department Position

Investigation Captain Davis-Whited made a presentation on the Fire Department Position.

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick commented

Trustee Nevarez commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Mayor Hernandez commented

c) APPROVAL – PZHAC SIGN CASE #062059 – 2340 Calle de Principal, submitted by Taylor-Reynolds-Barela-Mesilla Historic Site Gift Shop. Requesting approval to install a sign on an existing projecting bracket mounted on the wall. ZONE: Historic Commercial (HC).

Mr. Salazar reviewed PZHAC Sign Case #062059 – 2340 Calle de Principal.

Motion: To approve PZHAC Sign Case #062059 – 2340 Calle de Principal, submitted by Taylor-Reynolds-Barrela-Mesilla Historic Site Gift Shop. Requesting approval to install a sign on an existing projecting bracket mounted on the wall. ZONE: Historic Commercial (HC), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Nevarez Yes

d) APPROVAL – PZHAC CASE #62060 - 2290 Calle de Parian, submitted by Felix Armijo. Requesting approval to reopen old door opening and install new door. ZONE: Historic Commercial (HC)

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick recused herself.

Mr. Salazar reviewed PZHAC Case #62060 - 2290 Calle de Parian, submitted by Felix Armijo.

Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #62060 – 2290 Calle de Parian, submitted by Felix Armijo. Requesting approval to reopen old door opening and install new door. ZONE: Historic Commercial (HC), Moved by Trustee Nevarez, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

Trustee Nevarez commented

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-2)

Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Nevarez Yes

e) **APPROVAL – PZHAC CASE #62062 – 1970 Calle Pacana, submitted by Andrea Schneider. Requesting approval to build a shed in her backyard. ZONE: Historic Residential (HR)**

Mr. Salazar reviewed PZHAC Case #62062 – 1970 Calle Pacana, submitted by Andrea Schneider.

Motion: To approve - PZHAC CASE #62062 – 1970 Calle Pacana, submitted by Andrea Schneider. Requesting approval to build a shed in her backyard. ZONE: Historic Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Nevarez Yes

f) **APPROVAL – Resolution 2025-62 - Amendment to Zoning Map - Rezone**

Mr. Salazar reviewed Resolution 2025-62 – Amendment to Zoning Map (Rezone).

Motion: To approve – Resolution 2025-62 - Amendment to Zoning Map – Rezone, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

Trustee Nevarez commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Mr. Caro commented

Amended Motion: To postpone Resolution 2025-62 – Amendment to Zoning Map – Rezone, Moved by Trustee Cadena, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Nevarez Yes

g) **APPROVAL – Resolution 2025-64 – Budget Adjustments**

Ms. Maya reviewed Resolution 2025-64 - Budget Adjustments.

Motion: To postpone Resolution 2025-62 – Amendment to Zoning Map – Rezone, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Nevarez Yes

h) APPROVAL – Resolution 2025-65 – Adopting the 2025 Comprehensive Plan

Mayor Hernandez reviewed Resolution 2025-65 – Adopting the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-65 – Adopting the 2025 Comprehensive Plan, Moved by Trustee Nevarez, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Nevarez Yes

i) APPROVAL – Adelante Senior Meals Program

Mayor Hernandez reviewed the Adelante Senior Meals Program.

Motion: To approve Adelante Senior Meals Program, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

Trustee Cadena commented

Trustee Nevarez commented

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Nevarez Yes

j) APPROVAL – Casa Perigrinos Meal Program

Mayor Hernandez reviewed the Casa Perigrinos Meal Program.

Motion: To approve Casa Perigrinos Meal Program, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Nevarez Yes

k) APPROVAL – US Solar Agreement

Mayor Hernandez reviewed the US Solar Agreement.

Motion: To approve US Solar Agreement, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**8. PUBLIC INPUT – The public is invited to address the Board as allowed by the chair.
No Public Input**

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

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

Motion passed unanimously

Enter 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

Enter Regular Meeting at 7:27 p.m.

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

- a) Community Development Department
- b) Marshal Department

Motion: To approve hiring of Mr. Mannie Sanchez as Deputy, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick	Yes
Trustee Cadena	Yes
Trustee Nevarez	Yes

11. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS & LIASION UPDATES

Trustee Nevarez: SCRT Board Meeting

Trustee Cadena: Taylor Site Meeting next week

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick: MPO Meeting cancelled.

12. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

- a) *Ongoing Projects Listing*
- b) *Calendar of Events*

Marshal Azcarate gave a department (Marshal) update.

Trustee Cadena commented

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

Trustee Cadena commented

Mayor Hernandez commented

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

Trustee Nevarez commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Ms. Maya gave a department (Finance) update.

Trustee Nevarez commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Mayor Pro Tem commented

Mayor Hernandez commented

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

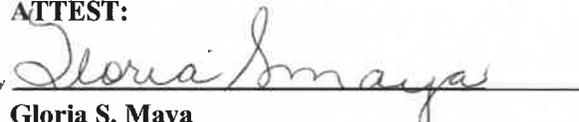
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:59 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.



Russell Hernandez
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gloria S. Maya
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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