



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

**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**AT THE MESILLA TOWN HALL,**  
**2231 AVENIDA DE MESILLA**

**MONDAY, November 10, 2025 – 5:30 P.M.**

**WORKSESSION MINUTES**

**TRUSTEES:**

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

**STAFF:**

Ben Azcarate, Marshal  
Lorenzo Astorga, Public Works Director  
Edward Salazar, Econ & Com Development Director  
Gloria S Maya, Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Greg Whited, Fire Chief

**PUBLIC:**

Rob Cabello	Sue & Dick VanFrank	Sonya Quintana
Sonia Lopez	Gary & Lori Fichman	Gabriel Quintana
Patricia Lozano	Eugenio Diaz	Karina Oberman
Jacquín Porter	Maggie Davidson	Stewart Oberman
William Davidson	Terry Melendez	Pat Molina
Ken Dickson	DeeAnn Powers	Mary H Ratje
Tim Kraner	Natalie Clayshulte	Sallie Clayshulte
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Catherine Walkinshaw	Erick Walkinshaw	M. Bender
JKathy Clayshulte	Trina Witter	Scott Tufte
Andrea Bryan	Greg Lester	Edward Martinez
Irene Chavez	Joy Trillo	Yolanda Lucero
Beverly Estrada	Sylvia Acchione-Noel	Barb De
Barbara Baremore	Crystal Whited	Melissa Molina

**1. WORKSESSION:**

- a) **Prioritizing 2025 Comprehensive Plan Action Plan**
- b) **Discussion 2025 Comprehensive Plan Zoning Map**

Mayor Hernandez discussed the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Action Plan and Zoning Map.

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Trustee Nevarez commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick commented

Worksession closed at 6:30 p.m.

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

**MONDAY, November 10, 2025 –**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING**

**WORKSESSION**

**6:31 P.M. MINUTES**

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## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 3. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

**Roll Call.**

**Present:** Mayor Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Trustee Cadena, Trustee Nevarez, Trustee Johnson-Burick.

## 4. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL

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

**Motion passed unanimously**

## 5. 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 27, 2025 - BOT Regular Meeting *Approved by consent agenda*
- b) **APPROVAL** – PZHAC Case #062065 – 2920 Avenida de Mesilla, submitted by Austy, LLC. Requesting approval to re-roof Lucky's commercial building. **ZONE: Commercial (C).** *Approved by consent agenda*
- c) **APPROVAL** – PZHAC Case #062068 – 1901 Calle Pacana, submitted by EMG Construction. Requesting approval to erect a rock wall. **ZONE: Historical Residential (HR).** *Approved by consent agenda*

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

**Motion passed unanimously**

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

Ms. Powers commented

Comment

Ms. Molina commented

Ms. Mulvihill commented

Nora Barraza commented

Comment

Sandra Lopez commented

Trina Witter commented

Ms. Chavez commented

Mr. Lopez commented

Ms. Clayshulte commented

Ms. Lozano commented

Mr. Lowry commented

Ms. Clayshulte commented

Mayor Hernandez commented

**7. PRESENTATION:**

**a) Fire Department: Holiday Fire Safety**

Fire Chief Whited made a presentation on Holiday Fire Safety.

Trustee Nevarez Commented

**8. ACTION AND CONSIDERATION**

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

Mr. Salazar reviewed Resolution 2025-62.

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

Trustee Nevarez commented

Mr. Caro commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Ms. Caro commented

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**b) DISCUSSION – MOJAC Supreme Court Ruling & Next Steps**

Mayor Hernandez reviewed the MOJAC Supreme Court Ruling & the Next Steps.

Trustee Cadena commented

Mr. Cabello commented

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick commented

**c) APPROVAL – Fire Department Battalion Chief Job Description & Position/Salary**

Fire Chief reviewed the Fire Department Battalion Chief Job Description & Position/Salary.

**Motion: To approve Fire Department Battalion Chief Job Description & Position/Salary, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.**

Trustee Nevarez commented

Mr. Caro commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Ms. Caro commented

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

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

**d) APPROVAL – Personnel Designation for Battalion Chief**

Mayor Hernandez reviewed the Personnel Designation for Battalion Chief.

**Motion: To approve Personnel Designation for Battalion Chief, 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

**e) APPROVAL – Resolution 2025-63 CLG Code Amendments**

Mayor Hernandez reviewed Resolution 2025-63 CLG Code Amendments.

**Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-63 CLG Code Amendments, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

Mr. Salazar commented

**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 2025-67 - Colonias Infrastructure Emergency Funding Application**

Mayor Hernandez reviewed Resolution 2025-67 – Colonias Infrastructure Emergency Funding Application.

**Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-67 – Colonias Infrastructure Emergency Funding Application, 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

**9. PUBLIC INPUT – The public is invited to address the Board as allowed by the chair.**  
Mr. Lester commented

**10. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a) **Discussion concerning limited personnel matters; pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) – Public Works Department**

**Motion: To enter into Closed Executive Session, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.**

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Enter Closed Executive Session at 8:34 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 8:42 p.m.**

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

- a) **Public Works Department**

**Motion: To approve the hiring of Ricardo Rodriguez for the position in the Public Works Department, 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

**12. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS & LIASION UPDATES**

Trustee Nevarez: Taylor Historic Site Grand Opening Saturday, SCRTD Wednesday

Trustee Johnson-Burick: MPO meeting Wednesday 1:00 p.m. at the City of Las Cruces; Taylor Historic Site Grand Opening Saturday

Trustee Cadena: Taylor Historic Site Grand Opening Saturday.

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick: MPO meeting Wednesday 1:00 p.m. at the City of Las Cruces; Taylor Historic Site Grand Opening Saturday

Mayor Hernandez: MPO meeting Wednesday 1:00 p.m. at the City of Las Cruces; Taylor Historic Site Grand Opening Saturday, SWCOG Thursday, MPO Bylaws meeting Tuesday, Dignitary Night for the Taylor Historic Site Friday.

**13. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**

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

Marshal Azcarate gave a department (Marshal) update.

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

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

Ms. Maya gave a department (Finance) update.

Trustee Nevarez commented

Trustee Johnson-Burick commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Mayor Pro Tem commented

Mayor Hernandez commented

**1. ADJOURNMENT**

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

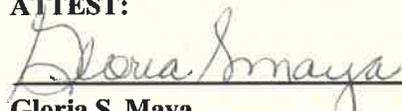
**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:27 P.M.**

**APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.**

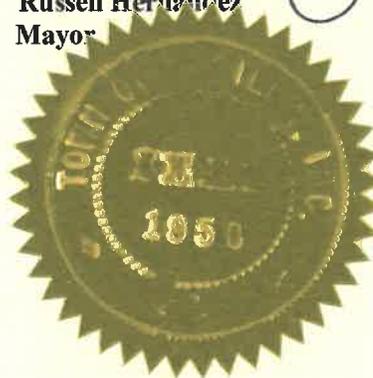


**Russell Hernandez**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



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



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**BOT REGULAR  
MEETING  
SIGN UP SHEET  
NOVEMBER 10, 2025**

NAME	ADDRESS
Rob Calle	Myatt Spinn
Sue + Dick Van Frank	2860 Boldt St.
Sonia G. Lopez	2480 Calle de San Albino #2
Barythori Hickman	2822 Erminda St
Patricia Lozano	2409 Calle De Norte,
Eugenio G. Diaz	2423 Calle de San Albino
Jacquie Porter	2840 Teresita Rd
Magee Davidson	2880 Teresita St.
William Davidson	2880 Teresita St.
TERRY MELANDEZ	2171 CAUE DE GUADALUPE
KEN DICKSON	"
Pec Ann Powers	2139 Calle De Guadalupe
Tim Kramer	3207 McPowell Rd
Natalie Clayshulte	2310 Calle Del Norte
Carolyn Clayshulte	2310 Calle Del Norte
Cecilia Urrut	2050 Calle del Norte
Sandra Lopez	2001 Calle del Norte
Bayle Leury Boggs	2555 Calle del Norte
Dawn G. Leury	2551 " " "
Jean H	290f CALLE del Sur
Roberto S. Lopez	246 Calle de Parina
Amy Rosser	2840 Boldt Street
Nora Barraza	Calle del Sur.
Catherine Walbrink	2134 Calle de Princesal
<del>Eich</del>	" " "
Kathy Clayshulte	1710 Paisano Rd.
Tina Witter	Mesilla
Andree Bryan	Mesilla
Greg Lester	"
Irene Chave	1260 Rosita Ct

Sonya Quintana	2149 Calle de los Huertos
GABRIEL GUINTANA	2149 CALLE DE LOS HUERTOS
Karena Overman	2835 Boldt
Stewart Overman	" "
Pat Molina	1991 Calle de Santiago
Mary Jo Fritz	Mesilla
SALLIE CLAYSHULTE	MESILLA
Edward L Gil	Mesilla
Janice Young	Mesilla
Jane Cook	Mesilla
Bill Cook	MESILLA
Martha Dupuis	Mesilla
Malu Bender	Mesilla
Scott Tuttle	MESILLA
Edward Martinez	Mesilla
Joy Triano	Mesilla Farms
Yolanda Lucero	Mesilla
Beverly Estrada	Mesilla
Sylvia C. Achione-Noel	Mesilla
Barb DeHaynes	Mesilla
Barbara Barrow	Mesilla
Crystal Whitel	MFD
Greg Whitel	MFD
Melissa Molina	Mesilla - 1991 Calle de Santiago