



Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) OF THE TOWN OF MESILLA
WILL HOLD A **REGULAR MEETING** AT THE MESILLA TOWN
HALL, 2231 AVENIDA DE MESILLA**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

STAFF: Ben Azcarate, Marshal
Lorenzo Astorga, Public Works Director
Cole Morris, Battalion Chief
Eddie Salazar, Econ & Com Development Director
Gloria S Maya, Town Clerk/Recorder

PUBLIC: Andrea Byran Greg Lester
Lori Miller Edie Wynder
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 Johnson-Burick, Trustee Cadena, Trustee Garcia, Trustee Nevarez.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: To approve agenda with correction, Moved by Trustee Nevarez, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia 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 *)

- a) ***BOT MINUTES** – Minutes of BOT, February 12, 2026
- b) ***PURCHASE REQUISITION:** Souder/Miller & Associates - Mesilla Water Tank and

Well - \$63,518.91.

- c) ***PURCHASE REQUISITION:** Souder/Miller & Associates - Mesilla Water Tank and Well - \$18,170.81.

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

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

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

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

No Public Input

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **APPROVAL: PZHAC CASE #062088 – 2872 Calle de San Albino, submitted by Jeffrey Buras. Requesting approval to buy and place a temporary storage shed on property. ZONE: Historic Residential (HC).**

Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #062088 – 2872 Calle de San Albino, submitted by Jeffrey Buras. Requesting approval to buy and place a temporary storage shed on property. ZONE: Historic Residential (HC), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

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

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

- b) **APPROVAL: CASE #062090 – 2290 Calle de Guadalupe, submitted by Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces. Applicant is looking to add two windows to Parish Hall. ZONE: Historic Commercial (HC).**

Motion: To approve PZHAC CASE #062090 – 2290 Calle de Guadalupe, submitted by Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces. Applicant is looking to add two windows to Parish Hall. ZONE: Historic Commercial (HC), Moved by Trustee Nevarez, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

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

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

- c) **APPROVAL: RESOLUTION 2026-05 - BAR 3RD QUARTER**

Motion: To approve Resolution 2026-05 – BAR 3rd Quarter, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Nevarez Yes

d) APPROVAL: RESOLUTION 2026-06 – ALTERNATE SUMMARY SUBDIVISION HEARING CASE #0610940.

Mr. Salazar reviewed Resolution 2026-06.

Motion: To approve RESOLUTION 2026-06 – ALTERNATE SUMMARY SUBDIVISION HEARING CASE #0610940, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

Trustee Nevarez commented

Trustee Garcia commented

Mayor Hernandez commented

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3; Abstain-1)

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Garcia Abstain

Trustee Nevarez Yes

7. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) **The Governing body will convene in executive closed session pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978 for discussion of limited personnel matters, including the appointment, employment, evaluation, discipline, or dismissal of a public employee(s).**

– Marshal Department

Motion: To enter into Closed Executive Session, Moved by Trustee Nevarez, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Motion passed unanimously

Entered Closed Executive Session at 6:10 p.m.

Motion: To enter Regular Meeting, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Motion passed unanimously

Entered Regular Meeting at 6:17 p.m.

- b) **Any possible action in open session that may arise as a result of executive session**

No Action Required

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

Ms. Miller commented

9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Nevarez: Senator Lujan Press Release

Trustee Garcia: SCTR meeting Wednesday-Trustee Cadena will attend in her place

Trustee Cadena: Historic Site is doing well

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick: MPO next meeting March 11th; met with Mr. Astorga

Mayor Hernandez: attended several meetings; budget season is beginning

10. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

Marshal Azcarate gave a department (Marshal) update.

Battalion Chief Morris gave a department (Fire) update.

Trustee Nevarez commented

Trustee Garcia commented

Trustee Cadena commented

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

Trustee Nevarez commented

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick commented

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

Mayor Hernandez commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Mayor Hernandez commented

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:43 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF MARCH, 2026.



Russell Hernandez
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gloria S. Maya
Town Clerk/Treasurer



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