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

MONDAY, MARCH 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
Greg Whited, Fire Chief
Eddie Salazar, Econ & Com Development Director
Gloria S Maya, Town Clerk/Recorder
Liana Aguirre, Historic Preservation Specialist

PUBLIC:

Eric Walkishaw	Catharine Walkinshaw
Andrea Byran	Richard Knopp
Lori Miller	Van Bullock
Michael Langford	Karrie Porter
Martha Mulvihill	Marcy Toomey
Janice & Bill Cook	Steve & Karen Oberman
Alph Medina	Cesar Huizar
Manny Solis	Trina Witter
Beverly Estrada	Nora Barraza
Crystal Whited	Edith Wyndham
Mary H Ratje	Joe N Chrisman

1. DISCUSSION OF NON-CONFORMING CASES & VARIANCES

Mayor Hernandez opened discussion on Non-Conforming Cases & Variances.

Mr. Salazar commented

Trustee Nevarez commented

Trustee Garcia commented

Trustee Cadena commented

2. DISCUSSION OF MESILLA HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND HISTORIC PROPERTY DESIGNATIONS

Ms. Aguirre opened discussions on Mesilla Historic Preservation and Historic Property Designations.

Trustee Cadena commented

Trustee Nevarez commented

Mr. Salazar commented

Trustee Garcia commented

**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, MARCH 23, 2026

~ Immediately Following Worksession ~ 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Trustee Cadena, Trustee Garcia, Trustee Nevarez

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: To approve agenda, Moved by Trustee Nevarez, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

Motion passed unanimously

6. 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, March 9, 2026

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

Motion passed unanimously

7. PRESENTATION:

a) Proclamation: National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

Ms. Gorham and Ms. Murphy (MRVDA) read proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

Trustee Nevarez commented

b) Proclamation: Celebrating 50 Years of Mesilla Elementary School at Its Current Location

Mayor Hernandez read proclamation Celebrating 50 Years of Mesilla Elementary School at Its Current Location.

8. STAFF UPDATES & COMMENTS

Marshal Azcarate gave a department (Marshal) update.

Trustee Garcia commented

Trustee Cadena commented

Fire Chief Whited gave a department (Fire) update.

Trustee Garcia commented

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

Trustee Nevarez commented

Trustee Garcia commented

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

Trustee Garcia commented

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

No Public Input

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **APPROVAL: Consideration of a Motion to reconsider action taken on Agenda item #7a from the March 9, 2026, Regular Meeting Regarding: PZHAC SIGN #062098 – 1200 W. University, submitted by Jornada Masonic Lodge. Requesting approval to install a sign. ZONE: Single-Family Residential (R1)**

Mayor Hernandez reviewed Consideration of a Motion for PZHAC Sign #62098.

Motion: To approve Consideration of a Motion to reconsider action taken on Agenda item #7a from March 9, 2026, Regular Meeting regarding: PZHAC Sign #062098 – 1200 W University, submitted by Jornada Masonic Lodge. Requesting approval to install a sign. ZONE: Single-Family Residential (R1), 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: Consideration of a Motion to reconsider action taken on Agenda item #7f from the March 9, 2026, Regular Meeting Regarding: Resolution 2026-12 – Historic Property Registry Designation: 2090 Snow Rd**

Motion: To approve Consideration of a Motion to reconsider action taken on Agenda item #7f from March 9, 2026, Regular Meeting regarding: Resolution 2026-12-Hiistoric Property Registry Designation: 2090 Snow Road, Moved by Trustee Garcia, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick commented

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: [IF MOTION TO RECONSIDER PASSES]: Reconsideration of Agenda item #7a from the March 9, 2026, Regular Meeting Regarding: PZHAC SIGN #062098 – 1200 W. University, submitted by Jornada Masonic Lodge. Requesting approval to install a sign. ZONE: Single-Family Residential (R1)**

Mr. Salazar reviewed reconsideration of a Motion for PZHAC Sign #62098.

Motion: To approve reconsideration of item #7a from March 9, 2026, Regular Meeting regarding: PZHAC Sign #062098 – 1200 W University, submitted by Jornada Masonic Lodge. Requesting approval to install a sign. ZONE: Single-Family Residential (R1), Moved by Trustee Garcia, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick.

Trustee Garcia commented

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: [IF MOTION TO RECONSIDER PASSES]: Reconsideration of Agenda item #7f from the March 9, 2026, Regular Meeting Regarding: Resolution 2026-13 – Historic Property Registry Designation: 2090 Snow Rd**

Mr. Salazar reviewed reconsideration of motion for Resolution 2026-13.

Motion: To approve reconsideration of agenda item #7of from the March 9, 2026, Regular Meeting Regarding: Resolution 2026-13 – Historic Property Registry Designation: 2090 Snow Road, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Ms. Aguirre commented

Trustee Garcia commented

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick commented

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

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

- e) APPROVAL: PZHAC ZONING CASE #062102 – 1705B Tierra de Mesilla, submitted by Blanca G Huizar/El Parian de Mesilla. Requesting approval for restaurant floor plan. ZONE: Commercial (C).**

Motion: To approve PZHAC Zoning Case #062102 – 1705B Tierra de Mesilla, submitted by Blanca G Huizar/El Parian de Mesilla. Requesting approval for restaurant floor plan. ZONE: Commercial (C), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick commented

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Nevarez Yes

- f) **APPROVAL: ZONING CASE #062105 -2670 Calle de Parian, requested by the Town of Mesilla. Carport on the south end of the Public Safety Building. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR).**

Mr. Salazar reviewed Zoning Case #062105 – 2670 Calle de Parian.

Motion: To approve Zoning Case #062105 – 2670 Calle de Parian, requested by the Town of Mesilla. Carport on the south end of the Public Safety Building. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Trustee Nevarez commented

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Nevarez Yes

- g) **APPROVAL: Resolution 2026-19 Budget Adjustment 3RD Quarter**

Motion: To approve Resolution 2026-19 Budget Adjustment 3rd Quarter, 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

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

Mr. Knopp commented

Mr. Bullock commented

Ms. Witter commented

Ms. Mulvihill commented

Ms. Estrada commented

Ms. Barraza commented

Ms. Toomey commented

12. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Nevarez: met with NMSU faculty member

Trustee Garcia: MPO meeting, SCTR meeting on Wednesday

Trustee Cadena: John Paul Taylor meeting, SCRTD meeting Wednesday

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick: MPO meeting, MPO meeting April 8th

Mayor Hernandez: none

13. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Garcia commented

Mayor Hernandez commented

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

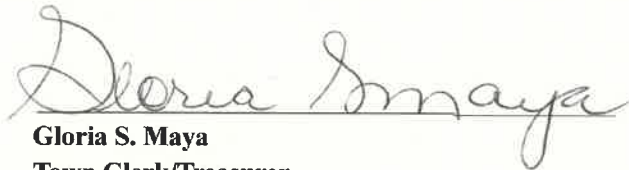
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:17 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF APRIL, 2026.



Russell Hernandez
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gloria S. Maya
Town Clerk/Treasurer



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TOWN OF MESILLA

BOARD OF TRUSTEES RULES OF PROCEDURE

ARTICLE I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Meetings

A. Meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held in accordance with Section 2.15.090 MTC and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, §10-15-1 et seq.

B. All binding actions of the Board of Trustees shall be taken at regular meetings, special meetings, or emergency meetings. Work sessions may be held for the purpose of examining issues, but no official action may be taken.

C. The Board of Trustees may recess and reconvene a meeting to a subsequent date provided the presiding officer announces the date, time, and place for continuation and notice is posted accordingly. Only matters appearing on the agenda of the original meeting may be discussed at the reconvened meeting.

D. Notice of all meetings shall be in accordance with the Town Open Meetings Resolution.

1.2 Attendance

A. The Board of Trustees may compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as it deems desirable.

1.3 Duties of the Presiding Officer

A. The Mayor shall possess the powers and perform the following duties:

1. Preserve order and decorum and have general direction of the Board Room.
2. Conduct business before the body approved by the Board of Trustees.
3. Recognize speakers entitled to the floor and guide proceedings.
4. Call for public input on agenda items.
5. Decide all points of order, subject to appeal.
6. Put to vote all questions which are regularly moved or arise during proceedings.

B. In the absence of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tem shall preside and exercise all powers of the Mayor.

1.4 Adopted Rules

- A. Matters not covered by these rules shall be governed by the presiding officer applying Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
- B. These rules may be amended, repealed, altered, or rescinded by majority vote of the Board after notice of the proposed change. Such notice shall be presented by resolution at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.
- C. Except for statutory or ordinance provisions, rules may be temporarily suspended by majority vote of trustees present.
- D. Violation of these rules does not invalidate action of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE II – PROCEDURES

2.1 Preparation and Distribution of Agenda

- A. The Town Clerk, through the Mayor, shall prepare the agenda for all Board meetings.
 - 1. The Mayor may place routine matters on the consent agenda.
 - 2. The Town Clerk shall ensure scheduled public hearings are duly advertised.
- B. All material for presentation shall be submitted to the Town Clerk not later than noon **four days** prior to the meeting date.
- C. The agenda and related materials shall be available to trustees at least **3 days (72 hours)** prior to the meeting date.
- D. The agenda shall be posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act Resolution.

2.2 Minutes

- A. Minutes shall include the date, time, place of the meeting, members present and absent, the substance of proposals considered, and a record of votes.
- B. Trustees, staff, or members of the public may request specific items to be transcribed verbatim.
- C. Approval of minutes shall be placed on the consent agenda unless a reading is requested.
- D. Previously approved minutes may be corrected when an error is noticed.
- E. **Meetings are video recorded and will be available to the public at all times**

2.3 Order of Business

The anticipated order of business to be set by the Mayor for each meeting, may include (not necessarily in the following order):

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum
3. **Approval** to the Agenda
4. Acceptance of the Consent Agenda
5. Minutes
6. Reports
7. Payment of Bills
8. Cases Recommended for Approval by the Planning, Zoning and Historical Appropriateness Commission
9. Administrative Appeals
10. Unfinished Business
11. New Business
12. Public Comments
13. Staff and Committee Comments
14. Board of Trustees Comments
15. Adjournment

2.4 Ordinances and Resolutions

A. **Ordinances** are the most permanent form of legislative action and have the force of law within the municipality.

1. Ordinances shall be adopted in accordance with section 1.10 MTC.
2. An ordinance is open to the amendment on first reading, amendments shall be in accordance with Article II, Section 12 of these rules.
3. Substantive amendments offered at second reading shall require adoption of the ordinance to be postponed to a subsequent meeting.

B. **Resolutions** express policy concerning matters of special or temporary character.

1. Trustees action shall be taken by resolution when required by law and in those instances where a formal expression of policy is desired.
2. Resolutions shall be adopted in accordance with Section 1.10.070 MTC and shall remain in effect until rescinded or replaced by a subsequent resolution on the same subject matter.
3. Resolutions are open to amendment provided such amendment does not constitute a substantive change. Amendments shall be in accordance with Article II, Section 12 of these rules.
4. Substantive amendments offered to resolutions may require the resolution to be postponed to a subsequent meeting.

C. Ordinances or resolutions introduced may be withdrawn only with consent of the Board.

D. A trustee may recommend editorial changes that do not alter the subject of the measure.

2.5 Appeals

Appeals to the Board of Trustees are actions mandated by statutory or ordinance provisions.

2.6 Proposals for Action

- A. Proposals for action are items listed on the agenda.
- B. Proposals shall be in the format adopted by the Mayor.

2.7 Motions

- A. Main motions present ordinances, resolutions, or other propositions for adoption or rejection.
- B. A main motion must be seconded before debate can occur.
- C. Motions become the official recorded statement of Board action.
- D. A motion should be concise and unambiguous.

2.8 Postponement of Action

- A. A motion to postpone to a definite time defers action to a later meeting **or indefinitely if motioned as such.**
- B. Any measure may be temporarily tabled at the same meeting and acted upon prior to adjournment.

C. A motion to remove from the table resumes consideration of the question. The motion is not debatable, not amendable, and cannot be reconsidered.

2.9 Reconsideration of Action

The purpose is to permit the Board of trustees to reconsider a vote on a previous action. A request to reconsider previous action must be made not later than the next regular meeting, and must be made by a trustee who voted on the prevailing side of the vote. Intent to propose reconsideration must be indicated as an agenda item. Upon passage of a motion to reconsider, the matter is returned to the table and must be acted upon prior to adjournment. The motion to reconsider is not amendable, cannot be reconsidered, and is debatable only if the original motion is debatable.

2.11 Appeal of Decision of the Presiding Officer

An appeal must be made promptly before other business intervenes. A majority vote sustains the decision of the presiding officer.

2.12 Amendments

- A. Amendments must be relevant to the subject of the proposition.
- B. Amendments take precedence over the original motion.
- C. After an amendment is adopted, the question as amended must be put to a vote.
- D. Rejection of an amendment leaves the pending question worded as it was before the amendment was offered.
- E. Amendments may include adding, inserting, striking out, or striking out and inserting text.

ARTICLE III – RULES OF ORDER

3.1 Rules of Debate

Debate is the means by which members exchange opinions and reach conclusions.

- A. Members must be recognized by the presiding officer and confine remarks to the question before the body.
- B. The presiding officer may set time limits in debate
- C. Debate may be closed immediately by calling the question. The call to question requires a majority vote before the vote on the question to which applied. The call for the questions is not amendable nor debatable and can be reconsidered.

3.2 Rules of Voting

- A. Each trustee must vote unless there is a recognized conflict of interest. Such conflict of interest disclosures shall be recorded in the minutes.
- B. Members shall not explain their vote during voting, which would be the same as debate at such a time.
- C. Voting on ordinances or resolutions shall be by roll call, as well as when requested by the Trustees.

3.3 Decorum

- A. Members shall address remarks through the presiding officer and avoid personal references or attacks.
- B. Members of the Board of Trustees shall confine their remarks to the question under the discussion or debate, avoiding personal references or attacks on fellow members, staff members, or members of the public. No member of the Board shall engage in private discourse or commit any other act tending to distract the attention of the Board from the business before it.
- C. A member who resorts to persistent irrelevance or persistent repetition may be directed to discontinue his speech by the presiding officer
- D. Point of Order. A Trustee may call attention to the violation of rules or a mistake in procedure by rising to a point of order. The presiding officer may permit a full explanation before ruling on the claim and may submit the question to the board of Trustees for decision by a majority vote.
- E. Question of Privilege. Questions of privilege do not relate to pending business, but have to do with special matters of immediate and overriding importance, without debate, should be allowed to interrupt the consideration of anything else. The presiding officer makes a ruling as to whether it is admitted as a question of privilege and whether it requires consideration.

3.4 Public Hearing Procedures

- A. Reasonable efforts shall be made to notify interested parties of hearings.
- B. The presiding officer may organize speakers to hear testimony efficiently.
- C. The presiding officer will introduce the item, open the public hearing, and call upon the proponent to describe the matter under consideration.
- D. Interested persons may submit data or arguments orally or in writing.
- E. The presiding officer may establish speaker time limits and otherwise control presentations to avoid repetition.
- D. After evidence is heard, the presiding officer closes the hearing and the Board proceeds through actions of consideration to discussion and vote among the body.