



STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Minutes of Board Meeting held Friday June 5, 2020  
at 9:30 a.m. via web conference. Duff Westbrook, presiding.

1. **Call to Order.** The Board's Chair, Duff Westbrook, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Member Jay Bledsoe and Member Marianne Bowers were also present, so that a quorum was established. Chair Westbrook welcomed Marianne Bowers to the Board. There was a discussion about the nomination of a new joint-recommendation for the Board. The matter was tabled until the July meeting.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Member Bledsoe moved to approve the agenda. Member Bowers seconded the motion and the agenda was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.
3. **Approval of May 5, 2020 meeting minutes.** Member Bledsoe moved to approve the minutes of the Board's March 3, 2020 meeting. Member Bowers seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved without modification upon a roll call vote.
4. **Public Comments.** There were five members of the public participating in the videoconference. Dina Holcomb had a question about whether there was a discrepancy between the published agenda and the agenda the chair was using due to his casual reference to "agenda item 1b" when the discussion moved from welcoming Ms. Bowers to the Board to the nomination of a new joint recommendation. As an off-the-cuff comment there was no discrepancy and her concerns were adequately addressed. James Montalbano welcomed Ms. Bowers to the Board and expressed his appreciation for the Board's commitment to public service.
5. **Certification of Election Results.** The Executive Director informed the Board that the election in PELRB 302-20 *NEA-Turquoise Trail Charter School & Turquoise Trail Charter School* was conducted as scheduled on May 22, 2019. Sufficient ballots were cast to constitute a valid election with the result that a majority of employees voted to have no representation. Mr. Griego suggested that any motion the Board would pass today should take into account the 5-day period from service of the ballot tally in which either party may file objections. Chair Westbrook moved to table the matter until the July meeting. Member Bledsoe seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.
6. **Rules Changes to Comport with PEBA Amendments Effective July 1, 2020.** The Executive Director directed the Board's attention to a memorandum prepared by PELRB staff explaining that a duly-noticed rulemaking hearing had been conducted on June 4<sup>th</sup> and staff had incorporated public comments into the proposed changes appearing in the memo. He pointed out that the only changes from the published proposals were minor grammatical changes and the title of NMAC 11.21.5.8. Ms. Holcomb stated if the year 1999 were changed in NMAC 11.21.5.8, it would no longer mirror the PEBA. The Executive Director and the Chair thanked the ad hoc rulemaking committee for their tireless efforts. Chair Westbrook moved to approve

the changes as published except for the minor grammatical corrections, the alteration of the title of NMAC 11.21.5.8, and not changing 1999 in NMAC 11.21.2.36; Member Bledsoe seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

7. **Review Case Closure *In re: MPOA v. Town of Mesilla*; PELRB No. 102-20.** Mr. Griego informed the Board that the complaint had been withdrawn prior to a hearing and he had issued a Voluntary dismissal in PELRB 102-20 *In re: MPOA v. Town of Mesilla*; PELRB No. 102-20 and the file would be administratively closed. No action was taken by the Board.
8. **CFO Monthly Financial Report.** The Board's CFO, Tanya Montoya-Ramirez, directed the Board's attention to spreadsheets in their packets detailing the current financial status of the agency. She stated that the agency was reverting \$4,639.97 and \$4,990.10, from the salaries and contracts categories, respectively, to the State. She further stated that the annual audit contract was ready for signatures; it is the second year of a three-year contract with the firm of Hinkle and Landers. The Executive Director stated that he had contacted the agency's legal counsel, who could not be present, about obtaining signatures and that the appropriate signatures would be obtained in the very near future.
9. **Set Next Meeting Date and Adjournment.** After a brief discussion, the next meeting was set for July 7, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Chair Westbrook moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Bledsoe seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote. The time was 10:27 a.m.