
CALL TO ORDER: Interim Executive Director Jeff Witte calls meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Witte pointed out that although the meeting was posted as required, the agenda for this meeting was not posted as required under the Open Meetings Act. He went on to explain that although the letter of the Open Meetings Act was met, the intent of the act was not. We will move on with the meeting today.

ROLL CALL - Board Members Present:

Molly Manzanares	Morgan Switzer-McGinley
John N. Conniff	Tobin "Toby" Dolan
Rita M. Padilla-Gutierrez	Edward Paul Torres
Kathy Charise Longinaker	Tony Casados, Jr.

Telephonic Attendance: Tara M. Vander Dussen

Quorum Established

NMLB STAFF PRESENT:

Jeff Witte, Interim Executive Director	Gary Mora, Area 3 Supervisor
Shawn Davis, Deputy Director	Barry Allen, Area 1 Supervisor
Ralph Zimmerman, NM State Veterinarian	Marcella Torres, Financial Specialist
Andrew Silva, CFO	MaryAnn Marquez, Financial Specialist
Julie Gauman, IT	Priscilla Pena-Johnson, Administrator
Troy Patterson, Area 4 Supervisor	

VISITORS:

Tanner Anderson, NM Farm and Livestock Bureau Anthony Parra, NMDA
Nancy Henry, NMEROG

BOARD INTRODUCTIONS:

Board Members introduced themselves and provided some background information on themselves.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Board Member Vander Dussen moves to appoint Board Member Molly Manzanares as Chair, Board Member Toby Dolan as Vice-Chair and Board Member John Conniff as Secretary. Board Member Casados seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez moves to approve the agenda as presented. Board Member Switzer-McGinley seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the June 25th, 2019 Board Meeting presented. Board Member Casados moves to approve the June 25, 2019 board meeting minutes as presented. Board Member Torres seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

BOARD ORIENTATION:

Mr. Witte led the orientation. The intent is to present the board with what they are in charge of. Included in the orientation is information on NM state statutes, rules and policies and procedures, Open Meetings Act, Government Conduct Compliance Act, state Inspection of Public Records Act. Encourages Board to attend training from Attorney General's Office on IPRA and Open Meetings Act. Communication as board members should be on state email account. Mr. Andrew Silva, Chief Financial Officer, presented the information related to finance in the orientation. Deputy Director Davis and Priscilla Pena-Johnson reviewed the organizational chart. Dr. Zimmerman, State Veterinarian, welcomed the board and presented his office. Area Supervisors, Troy Patterson, Barry Allen, Gary Mora introduce themselves and describe their areas. Area Supervisor 2 April Riggs was unable to attend the meeting. Julie Gauman, IT Admin, introduced herself. Policies are in process of being reviewed and will be presented to the next Executive Director. The Governor's Office is in the process of interviewing attorneys. Those are Governor's Executive positions, govex. Governor's office appoints those for agencies. Board Member Casados stated that NMLB needs to have an attorney as soon as possible. The board discussed Executive Sessions. Included in the orientation is a Draft of a Board Member Code of Conduct to begin the discussion and process of developing a code of conduct for the board.

PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Governor's Office has received a number of applications from individuals across the state. They are doing backgrounds on them. Mr. Witte will work with the governor's office and chair to evaluate the applications. No timeline yet. Attorney and Executive Director are priorities.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nancy Henry, NMEROG – Ms. Henry stated that she is a citizen watchdog over the Livestock Board. Ms. Henry stated that many people at the agency don't like her. She stated that she has caught instances of waste, fraud and abuse but it is much better than it used to be. Ms. Henry stated that the former board didn't work well with the public and hopefully this board will have better public relations. She welcomed the board.

Tanner Anderson, NM Farm and Livestock Bureau – Mr. Anderson congratulated the new board members and thanked them for taking the time to serve our great state.

Loren Patterson, Producer from Corona – Mr. Patterson stated that he recently served on the board and congratulated Chair Manzanares and the new board members. He stated that not only are you an agency for the industry but you are a law enforcement agency and the rules decided have to work in Deming, Des Moines, all over. He stated the board has a big task and thanked the board. He also stated

that there is an excellent group of people working for the agency. Mr. Patterson stated that he is VP at Large of NM Cattle Growers so will be bending their ear from time to time.

Nance Henry – Ms. Henry interjected that Mr. Patterson’s view on various staff members is based on friendship and isn’t the same as members of the public, the taxpayers.

Anthony Casados – Mr. Casados asked if the board has any identified parameters regarding what can be said in public comment. He stated that this is the first time he has been to a board meeting but has been to numerous board meetings in an educational sector. He went on to state that through their attorneys they identified parameters that do not allow for public comment to have a direct attack on either the board members or staff members. Chair Manzanares pointed out the Public Participation Guidelines the board follows and it mostly has to do with the amount of time. She went on to state that the board does not try to edit what people have to say but try to keep it civil and within a certain amount of time. Chair Manzanares stated that the public does have a right to speak but it should not be used to attack people.

BOARD CONCERNS:

Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez asked the audience what they see as the board’s role. What advice can you give us on making important decisions that affect a lot of people? Ms. Henry stated she wants a more friendly open communicative board. Mr. Charlie Rogers, President/CEO of Clovis Livestock Auction, stated the more people you talk to, more information you gather and get information from all sides. He stated that the board needs to find out what the industry needs.

ADJOURNMENT:

Board Member Switzer-McGinley moves to adjourn. Board Member Padilla-Gutierrez seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:55 p.m.

APPROVED BY:


Molly Manzanares, NM Livestock Board Chair