

MINUTES OF THE NEW MEXICO
LIVESTOCK BOARD (NMLB) MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024, 9:00 AM

Join In-Person:
NEW MEXICO GAMING CONTROL BOARD OFFICE
4900 ALAMEDA BLVD. NE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87113

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CALL TO ORDER: Chair Molly Manzanares at 9:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Molly Manzanares, Chair –Present
Toby Dolan, Vice Chair –Present
John Conniff, Secretary – Present
Tony Casados, Board Member – Present
Milford Denetclaw, Board Member - Present
Michael Perez, Board Member – Not Present
Victor Reyes – Present
Morgan Switzer-McGinley, Board Member – Present
Anthony Gilbert Tafoya, Board Member - Present

Quorum Established

NMLB STAFF PRESENT

Belinda Garland, Executive Director	Stephanie Lujan, HR Manager
Shawn Davis, Deputy Director	Curt Henderson, IT
Bobby Hernandez, IT	Chris Machin, Legal Counsel
Justin Gray, Area 3 ROM	Dennis Alarid, SA Supervisor
Matthew Romero, Area 2 ROM	James Williams, Regional Supervisor

OTHER ATTENDEES

Josephine Guttierrez	Laura Conniff
Joseph Tapia	Holly Alegria
Pete Domenici Jr.	Tony Sodaro
Neddie Archuleta	Dr. Warren Franklin
Nancy Henry	Anita Weichert
Shania Gutierrez	Della Dutchover
Caller #4	Caller #5
James Pickens	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Dolan moves to approve the agenda for the March 1, 2024, Board Meeting.
Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

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ROLL CALL:

Board Member Casados - Yes	Board Member Reyes – Not Present
Board Member Denetclaw – Yes	Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes
Board Member Perez – Not Present	Board Member Tafoya – Yes

Motion to approve the March 1, 2024, Agenda passes 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the December 13, 2023, Board Meeting presented.

Board Member Denetclaw moves to approve the December 13, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes.
Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Dolan – Yes	Board Member Reyes – Not Present
Board Member Casados – Yes	Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes
Board Member Perez – Not Present	Board Member Tafoya – Yes

Motion to approve the December 13, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes passes 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from February 6, 2024, Board Meeting presented.

Board Member Switzer-McGinley moves to approve the February 6, 2024, Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Dolan – Yes	Board Member Perez – Not Present
Board Member Casados – Yes	Board Member Reyes – Not Present
Board Member Denetclaw – Yes	Board Member Tafoya – Yes

Motion to approve the February 6, 2024, Special Board Meeting Minutes passes 6-0.

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NMSA §30-18-1(J) Hearing in the matters of State of New Mexico v. Neddie Archuleta case no M-30-MR-2023 and State v. Josephine Gutierrez NO. M-30-MR-2023-00075 "If there is a dispute as to what constitutes commonly accepted agricultural animal husbandry practices or commonly accepted rodeo practices, the New Mexico livestock board shall hold a hearing to determine if the practice in question is a commonly accepted agricultural animal husbandry practice or commonly accepted rodeo practice."

**Copies of the information presented, and a recording of the proceedings may be requested by contacting the NMLB.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chair Dolan moves to go into Closed Executive Session at 1:47 pm.
Board Member Switzer McGinley seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff – Yes	Board Member Perez – Not Present
Board Member Casados – Yes	Board Member Reyes – Yes
Board Member Denetclaw – Yes	Board Member Tafoya – Yes

Motion to go into Executive Session passes 7-0.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Member Switzer-McGinley moves to leave Closed Executive Session and confirm that nothing else was discussed in Closed Executive Session other than items listed on agenda.
Secretary Conniff seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Dolan – Yes	Board Member Perez – Not Present
Board Member Casados – Yes	Board Member Reyes – Yes
Board Member Denetclaw – Yes	Board Member Tafoya – Yes

Motion to leave Closed Executive Session and confirm that nothing else was discussed in Closed Executive Session other than items listed on agenda passes 7-0.

Meeting re-opens at 3:11 p.m.

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State of New Mexico v. Neddie Archuleta case no M-30-MR-2023 and State v. Josephine Gutierrez NO. M-30-MR-2023-00075 matters

Vice Chair Dolan moves to inform the 12th Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico that the NM Livestock Board has met pursuant to 30-18-1(J)NMSA 1978 to determine if the conduct before the court in the matter of the state of **New Mexico vs. Neddie Archuleta** is accepted animal husbandry practice and after reviewing the evidence presented to the Board, a determination has been made by the NM Livestock Board that pasture breeding is an acceptable agricultural animal husbandry practice but the treatment of the equines medical condition in this case does not constitute an accepted agricultural animal husbandry practice.

Board Member Switzer-McGinley seconds the motion.

FULL ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Chair Dolan – Yes

Secretary Conniff- Yes

Board Member Casados – Yes

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Board Member Perez – Not Present

Board Member Reyes- Yes

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes

Board Member Tafoya- Yes

The motion stated above passes 7-0.

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Board Member Casados seconds the motion.

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FULL ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Chair Dolan – Yes

Secretary Conniff- Yes

Board Member Casados – Yes

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Board Member Perez – Not Present

Board Member Reyes- Yes

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes

Board Member Tafoya- Yes

The motion stated above passes 7-0.

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LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

A. MPI Program

Director Garland updated the Board on Meat & Poultry Inspection Bill passing during the 2024 Legislative Session. The governor has not signed it but is very confident it will get signed.

**Copies of the information presented may be requested by contacting the NMLB.

B. 2025 Possible Legislative Proposals

i. Brand Fees Increases

ii Inspection Fees Increases

Director Garland and Deputy Director Davis presented information to the Board to increase fees. There was discussion on the length of time it may take to have a bill passed during Legislative Session.

Board Member Switzer-McGinley moves to allow Executive Director Garland and Deputy Director Davis to pursue a 2025 possible legislative proposal regarding brand fee increases and inspection fee increases in relation to speaking to producers and reporting back at the June meeting on their findings and determining how to move forward.

Board Member Reyes seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Dolan – Yes

Secretary Conniff- Yes

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Board Member Perez – Not Present

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes

Board Member Tafoya- Yes

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The motion to allow Executive Director Garland and Deputy Director Davis to pursue a 2025 possible legislative proposal regarding brand fee increases and inspection fee increases in relation to speaking to producers and reporting back at the June meeting on their findings and determining how to move forward passes 7-0.

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Meeting Date for June 10, 2024

Director Garland stated the NM Cattle Growers meeting is in Ruidoso on June 11, 2024. It was asked if the NMLB would like to hold their meeting on June 10th @1:00pm.

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BOARD CONCERNS

No Board Concerns

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Reyes moves to adjourn the NMLB Board Meeting. Board Member Switzer -McGinley seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Dolan – Yes

Secretary Conniff- Yes

Board Member Casados – Yes

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Board Member Perez – Not Present

Board Member Tafoya- Yes

Chair Manzanaras adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

APPROVAL:



John Conniff, Secretary



Molly Manzanaras, Chair