

MINUTES OF THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD (NMLB) MEETING

AGENDA: THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK TOWNPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT

4200 SIERRA VISTA DRIVE

FARMINGTON, NM 87402

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CONVENE AT 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Toby Dolan at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Toby Dolan, Chair –Present

Anthony Gilbert Tafoya, Vice Chair – Not Present

John Conniff, Secretary – Present -Virtual

Tony Casados, Board Member – Present

Milford Denetclaw, Board Member – Present

Michael Perez, Board Member – Present

Victor Reyes, Board Member – Present

Morgan Switzer-McGinley, Board Member – Present -Virtual

Crystal Clark, DVM, PhD, Board Member - Present

Quorum Established

NMLB STAFF PRESENT

Belinda Garland, Executive Director

Justin Gray, Area 3 ROM

Samantha Uhrig, State Veterinarian

Talon Henry, Livestock Inspector

Andrew Sanchez, Livestock Inspector

Eddie Behrends, MPI Director

Kayla Sjoberg, MPI Deputy Director

Chris Machin, Legal Counsel

Kelsey Begay, Livestock Inspector

Stephanie Lujan, HR Manager

Troy Patterson, Area 4 ROM

Barry Allen, CLEO

Dennis Alarid, Special Agent Supervisor

Ashley Martinez, Special Agent

Patrick Weisdorfer, Area 2 ROM

OTHER ATTENDEES

Audrey Dolan

Troy Sauble – By Phone

Lindsay Cutter

Virgil Luero – By phone

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Jesi Watson – By Phone
505-250-9457

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Chair Dolan states Member Conniff and Member Switzer-McGinley are participating by phone due to extenuating circumstances. Director Garland introduced all staff in the room and explains the agenda needs an update.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Reyes moves to approve the agenda for the September 30, 2025, Board Meeting.
Member Casados seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff - Muted

Vice Chair Tafoya- Not Present

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes

Board Member Perez – Not Present

Board Member Dr. Clark - Yes

Motion to approve the agenda for September 30, 2025, passes by majority vote 5-0.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Denetclaw moves to approve the Minutes from June 02, 2025, meeting. Member Reyes seconds the motion.

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ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff – Muted

Vice Chair Tafoya – Not Present

Board Member Casados – Yes

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes

Board Member Perez – Not Present

Board Member Dr. Clark - Yes

Motion to approve June 02, 2025, minutes passes by majority vote of the quorum 5-0.

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2025 NMAC RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

Adoption of Proposed Rule Changes: Update Reportable Diseases to 21.30.4 NMAC.

Director Garland presented and permission was given to promulgate rules at the last board meeting. Dr. Holeck asks that this be extended to allow for a few more changes and moves to the December meeting.

Member Casados moves to update reportable diseases to 21.30.4 NMAC. Member Reyes seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff – Muted

Vice Chair Tafoya- Not Present

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes

Board Member Perez - Yes

Board Member Dr. Clark - Yes

Motion to approve update reportable diseases to 21.30.4 NMAC passes by majority vote of the quorum 5-0.

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Adoption of Proposed Rule Changes: Clarify Acceptable Documentation for Livestock Proof of Ownership to 21.32.2 NMAC.

Director Garland presented information to bring some proposals at the December meeting on some clarification of what can be accepted for proof of ownership for livestock.

Member Casados moves to update reportable diseases to 21.30.4 NMAC. Member Reyes seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff -Muted

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes

Vice Chair Tafoya- Not Present

Board Member Perez – Not Present

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Board Member Dr. Clark - Yes

Motion to approve update reportable diseases to 21.30.4 NMAC passes by majority vote of the quorum 5-0.

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE – HORSE RESCUE FUND

Director Garland asked the board substitute Shawn Davis with herself.

Member Casados moves to appoint Director Garland to the Horse Rescue Fund committee. Dr. Clark seconds the motion.

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ROLL CALL:

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Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes

Vice Chair Tafoya- Not Present

Board Member Perez – Not Present

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Board Member Reyes - Yes

Motion to appoint Director Garland the Horse Rescue Fund Committee, passes by majority vote of the quorum 5-0.

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Member Perez joins the meeting @ 9:26 a.m.

ALLOWING A DESIGNEE TO SIT ON THE HORSE RESCUE FUND COMMITTEE WHEN THE APPOINTEE IS ABSENT.

Director Garland presents funds that needed funds to be distributed in the last 3 months and with Mr. Davis gone it could not be accomplished. Director Garland would like all committee members to be able to appoint someone to attend in their place.

Member Reyes moves to allow for the designation of the member by agreement of the committee from the member organization who are currently sitting on the horse rescue fund committee. Member Perez seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff -Muted

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes

Vice Chair Tafoya- Not Present

Board Member Casados – Yes

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Board Member Dr. Clark – Yes

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Motion to allow for the designation of the member by agreement of the committee from the member organization who are currently sitting on the horse rescue fund committee passes by majority vote of the quorum 6-0.

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REQUEST TO HOLD FUNDS FROM SALE OF 110 HEAD OF ESTRAY CATTLE TAKEN FROM THE ISLETA PUEBLO BASED UPON TIMELY ESTRAY CLAIM.

Director Garland presented documents of last board meeting, transcribing of the motion, 8/22/2025 in the administrative office an estray claim was made of cattle that was gathered off the pueblo, a notice was sent to the pueblo, Ms. Lindsay Cutter, on 9/19/2025 the office received another claim, on 9/23/2025 the pueblo was notified of that claim.

Member Switzer-McGinley moves to follow the direction and guidance of Executive Director Belinda Garland, and we hold all funds until December meeting where all parties have a chance to present their information equally.

Member Reyes presents a substitute motion pursuant to NM State Statute 77-13-6 as said Pueblo came forward on March 26, 2025 to assert the ownership of 110 head of estray cattle that were taken from the pueblo and sold thru the estray process while in resolution for Isleta Pueblo Counsel the Pueblo came forward with evidence including sworn affidavits from Law Enforcement that was deemed before the board to be sufficient evidence the determination of the board was made to remit the proceeds of the sale absent of claim of the 110 head of cattle, a claim has been made of a total of 19 head of cattle by one individual, one cow has been determined by the new Mexico Livestock Board to not be within the list of claims brought by Isleta Pueblo in order to give the individual the opportunity to present evidence through the estray process for the remaining 18 head of cattle, it is moved to remit proceeds of the 92 head of cattle for which no competing claim of ownership has been presented and withhold the proceeds for the 18 calves until after a hearing is held at the next meeting of the new Mexico

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livestock board in which the claimant can present evidence of ownership if it is determined that there is not sufficient evidence for any of the 18 calves those proceeds will be remitted to Isleta pueblo, the calves of which there is sufficient evidence presented will be remitted to the owner presenting the evidence.

Member Switzer-McGinley moves to hold funds from the Sale of 110 Head of Estray Cattle taken from the Isleta Pueblo based upon timely estray claim. Member Perez seconds the motion.

Member Casados seconds the substitute motion from Board Member Reyes.

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ROLL CALL for the Substitute Motion from Board Member Reyes:

Secretary Conniff -Muted	Board Member Perez – No
Vice Chair Tafoya- Not Present	Board Member Switzer- McGinley– No
Board Member Denetclaw – No	Board Member Dr. Clark – No

Motion to allow substitute motion from Board Member Reyes fails by majority vote of the quorum 4-2.

ROLL CALL for the Motion from Board Member Switzer-McGinley:

Secretary Conniff - Muted	Board Member Reyes – No
Vice Chair Tafoya- Not Present	Board Member Casados – No
Board Member Denetclaw – Yes	Board Member Dr. Clark – Yes

Motion to hold funds from the Sale of 110 Head of Estray Cattle taken from the Isleta Pueblo based upon timely Estray claim passes by majority vote of the quorum 4-2.

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Rulemaking Hearing for proposed amend/repeal/replace rules. The purpose of the amended rules adoption is to add rules for the New Mexico Meat and Poultry Inspection Division 21.33.2 NMAC Food Safety, Meat and Poultry Inspection. Rules proposed for amendment and or repeal/replace is 21.33.2 NMAC to include new definitions, applications/licenses, inspections, tagging, operating requirements and procedures, regulatory authority, hearings and enforcement.

No Public Comments.

Director Garland and MPI Executive Manager Eddie Behrends presented the reasons for the rule changes.

Board Member Reyes moves to repeal and replace existing administrative code to adopt 21.33.2 NM Administrative Code to include new definitions, applications/licenses, inspections, tagging, operating requirements and procedures, regulatory authority, hearings and enforcement. Member Perez seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff -Yes

Vice Chair Tafoya- Not Present

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes

Board Member Casados – Yes

Board Member Dr. Clark – Yes

Motion to repeal and replace existing administrative code to adopt 21.33.2 NM Administrative Code to include new definitions, applications/licenses, inspections, tagging, operating requirements and procedures, regulatory authority, hearings and enforcement passes by majority vote of the quorum 7-0.

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Break from 10:58am-11:07am

Rulemaking Hearing for proposed amend/repeal/replace rules. The purpose of the amended rules adoption is to make changes to current Livestock Board Fees and add fees for meat and poultry state inspection or custom exempt establishment registration and renewal fees in 21.32.10 NMAC Livestock Board Fees. See Rules 21.32.2.7 through 21.32.2.30 NMAC; 21.32.10.8; 21.32.10.9; 21.32.10.10; 21.32.10.11; 21.32.10.15 NMAC.

Director Garland presented the fees from the June NMLB Board Meeting and added fees for meat and poultry state inspection.

No Public Comments.

Member Casados moves to repeal and replace to make changes to current Livestock Board Fees and add fees for meat and poultry state inspection or custom exempt establishment registration and renewal fees in 21.32.10 NMAC Livestock Board Fees. See Rules 21.32.2.7 through 21.32.2.30 NMAC; 21.32.10.8; 21.32.10.9; 21.32.10.10; 21.32.10.11; 21.32.10.15 NMAC. Member Reyes seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Conniff -Yes

Vice Chair Tafoya- Not Present

Board Member Denetclaw – Yes

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Yes

Board Member Casados – Yes

Board Member Dr. Clark – Yes

Motion to repeal and replace to make changes to current Livestock Board Fees and add fees for meat and poultry state inspection or custom exempt establishment registration and renewal fees in 21.32.10

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Meeting Date: December 10, 2025 - In conjunction with NMCGA Winter Meeting

Discussion was held regarding the next meeting date and board availability. The next meeting will be held December 15, 2025, in Moriarty, NM.

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Member Switzer-McGinley left the meeting @11:28a.m.

Verbal Updates from Administrative Staff

Director Garland presented administrative updates. Topics Discussed: Retirement of Shawn Davis and replacement with Barry Allen, Filling positions, FY27 Budget, FY25 Budget Audit

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CLEO Barry Allen Topics Discussed: thank you to the board, introduced staff.

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MPI Executive Manager Eddie Behrends presented updates on the MPI program. Topics Discussed: Rules, update on USDA, cooperative agreement, EIAO Training, Hiring of Regional Manager

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State Veterinarian Dr. Samantha Holeck Topics Discussed: Loan Repayment Program for Veterinarians application process, Avian Influenza, Equine Infectious Anemia Cases, West Nile Virus, Tuberculosis in a dairy herd, New Word Screwworm.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Reyes moves into Closed Executive Session pursuant to 10-15-1 (H) (7) Threatened and Pending Litigation at 11:47 a.m.

Member Denetclaw seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Tafoya – Not Present

Secretary Conniff – Muted

Board Member Casados – Yes

Board Member Perez - Yes

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Board Member Dr. Clark – Yes

Motion to go into Executive Session at 11:47 a.m. passes by the majority vote of the quorum 5-0.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Reyes moves to leave Closed Executive Session and confirm nothing else was discussed in Closed Executive Session other than items listed on agenda.

Member Casados seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Tafoya – Not Present

Secretary Conniff – Muted

Board Member Casados – Yes

Board Member Perez - Yes

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

Board Member Dr. Clark – Yes

Meeting re-convened at 12:12 p.m.

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BOARD CONCERNS

Chair Dolan stated the board will be presented with some difficult decisions to make. A democratic process was used to get to the answer, nothing personal.

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ADJOURNMENT

Member Denetclaw moves to adjourn the NMLB Board Meeting. Member Casados seconds the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Tafoya – Not Present

Member Reyes – Yes

Board Member Switzer-McGinley – Not Present

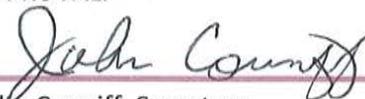
Board Member Perez - Yes

Secretary Conniff – Muted

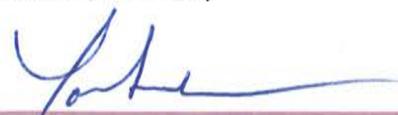
Board Member Dr. Clark – Yes

Chair Dolan adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

APPROVAL:



John Conniff, Secretary



Toby Dolan, Chair