

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF REGISTRATION**

**February 28, 2019**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

This meeting of the Santa Fe County Board of Registration was convened by County Clerk Geraldine Salazar at approximately 11:30 a.m. on the above-cited date in the County Legal Conference Room on the second floor of the County Administrative Building located at 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, NM.

The following members were present:

**Members Present:**

Anne Albrink, Democrat  
Paul Morrison, Republican  
Dan Cron, Democrat (Alternate)

**Member(s) Excused:**

Clifford Rees, Democrat

**Others Present:**

Ed Brown, Republican, (Alternate-non-voting)  
Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk  
Steve Fresquez, Bureau of Elections  
Theresa Atencio, Bureau of Elections  
Cristella Valdez, Assistant County Attorney  
Estrella Martinez, County Clerk's Office

Those present introduced themselves.

The voting members were designated: Anne Albrink, Paul Morrison, and Dan Cron for Clifford Rees.

**III. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was accepted by consensus.

**IV. Election of Chair**

Mr. Morrison nominated himself. Mr. Cron nominated Anne Albrink. Ms. Albrink was elected chair

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**V. Election of Vice Chair**

Mr. Cron nominated Clifford Rees. Mr. Morrison nominated himself. Mr. Rees was elected vice chair.

**VII. Review of the List of Eligible Voters as Required by NMSA 1978 § 1-4-28(E)**

The list of voters placed on the inactive status list, along with a handout on Board of Registration procedures was distributed.

Mr. Brown noted the presence on the list of someone who voted in the June primary of 2016 and was listed as inactive as of August 3, 2016. No reason is given.

Mr. Fresquez explained why voters were placed in inactive status and the procedure whereby confirmation mailings are sent to the voter's address. If there is no response they are put in inactive status. They are monitored whether or not they vote in subsequent elections.

Mr. Morrison asked how many voters had Post Office boxes. A physical address is required by state law. Mr. Fresquez confirmed that those providing P.O. Boxes were also required to provide their residential address.

Mr. Fresquez provided the total number of people on the lists: 2,120, of which 1,017 were Democrats and 419 Republicans.

Clerk Salazar noted that over the years assiduous purging of the lists has resulted in much fewer voters being designated inactive. Years ago there were 14,000 voters and now they are down to 2,000.

Ms. Atencio outlined the procedure by which a voter may return to active status: returning a confirmation mailer with an updated, corrected address showing the voter still resides within the county; or voting in any election after receiving confirmation mailer.

Mr. Brown asked why confirmation was sought two months after a person voted. Mr. Fresquez indicated registered addresses are compared to that on record with the post office, or they moved and were given a voter registration change of address form at the polling place which they never submitted.

Chair Albrink asked if only one non-responsive confirmation mailing was sufficient. Mr. Fresquez said they usually use a confirmation mailing and two major elections where the voter did not participate.

Mr. Morrison asked what percentage of those removed from the rolls protest. Mr. Fresquez stated status is often learned at a primary election. He noted approximately two percent were being purged. He distributed a fact sheet of voter registration statistics broken down by Commission District. *[Exhibit 1]*

**VIII. Approval of Future Meeting Schedule**

Chair Albrink noted the next meeting was scheduled for March 7, 2019 at 11:30 and this was agreed to by all.

Ms. Valdez noted that folling the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting those minutes would also have to be approved. It was agreed to meet March 15, 2019. 11:30.

**IX. Adjournment**

With no further business to conduct the meeting was declared adjourned at 12:23 pm.

Approved by:

*Anne Albrink*  
Anne Albrink, Chair

Submitted by:

*Debbie Doyle*  
Debbie Doyle, Wordswork

These minutes were approved by a quorum of the Board of Registration on March 15, 2019.



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Deputy *E. Estrella* County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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