

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

**March 10, 2023**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

**I.** This meeting of the Santa Fe Board of Registration was called to order by Zella Cox, Board Chair, at 2:00 p.m. on the above-cited date at the Santa Fe County Administrative Complex, Plaza Conference Room, 100 Catron, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**II.** Clerk Clark called roll and a quorum was present with the following members in attendance:

**Members Present:**

Zella Cox, Chair  
Karen Sheffer, Vice Chair  
Marcia Mikulak  
Gregory Lynn Baker  
Clifford M. Rees

**Members Absent:**

None

**County Staff Present:**

Katharine Clark, County Clerk  
Juan Torres, County Staff  
Evonne Ganz, Deputy County Clerk [Webex]  
Cristella Valdez, Assistant County Attorney  
Sky Korber, Election Administration Specialist

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Mikulak moved to approve the agenda and Ms. Sheffer seconded. The motion carried by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

**IV. Approval of Minutes for the February 21, 2023 Board of Registration Meeting**

Ms. Sheffer moved to approve the February 21, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Mikulak. The motion passed with three yea votes and Mr. Baker and Mr. Rees abstaining.

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**V. Review of the Eligibility of 100 Individuals Selected Randomly from the List of Eligible Voters**

Sky Korber, Election Administration Specialist, informed the Board that the NCOA (National Change of Address) list is from the Secretary of State's Office database service and derived from the U.S. Postal Service. A voter to be purged is placed on the list with an NVRA (National Voter Registration Act) flag from either the County Clerk or SOS (Secretary of State). The two ways a voter is on the list is either through a NCOA on file or an NVRA flag. MVD information is not used.

A confirmation mailing was sent out by the SOS on July 30, 2020 and any voters who voted after that mailing are placed back in active status. Deceased voters and those registered in another state are removed from the voters roll.

The data quality list for removal included 4,225 voters. None of those individuals voted later than June 2, 2020. All voters on the list had either an NVRA flag or a NCOA note. The NCOA notes were further reviewed by staff and a total of 15 exceptions were found and placed on an "error" list: these 15 were not within the 100 sample review. Mr. Korber reviewed the list of 15 and specified why they were recommended to return to the active status, i.e., apartment number discrepancy, or PO Box change but physical address remaining the same.

Following Board review of the "error" list, two voters (Danton and Kaskinen) were identified to remain on the inactive status list.

There was consensus that no one should be removed from the active voter list who should legitimately be on the rolls, and to err on the side of keeping someone on the voters roll.

Following the data cleanup conducted February 26, 2023 to March 6, 2023, six individuals were removed dropping the number to 4,019

The sample list of 100 randomly selected names was deemed a good sample by the County Clerk's office. Clerk Clark noted that Mr. Korber's data quality review "error" list was additional to the randomized 100 review.

Mr. Korber noted an anomaly which appears to be a data entry error and that has been corrected.

Mr. Korber pointed out that people can live in Santa Fe County and receive mail at a PO Box outside of the county. He reviewed a few voter records that were being challenged.

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

Mr. Korber pointed out that many times an individual will file a NCOA to obtain mail at a PO Box but not physically move out of the County.

Mr. Rees noted that the voter registration form allows for two addresses – a mailing address and a physical address used to identify the precinct.

Ms. Mikulak said it was difficult to review the material without all of the raw data. The Clerk said the raw data is not available for the Board.

The Clerk reminded the Board that same day registration can occur at any voting site. Mr. Rees said he was confident the system has safeguards to protect one's right to vote in the next election. The Clerk confirmed that those purged from the voters roll receive a postcard advising them of their status.

**VII. Board Direction to County Clerk Regarding the Cancellation of the Registration of Certain Voters Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-4-28(E)**

Ms. Sheffer moved to remove voters Dantin and Kaskinen from the "error" list and place them on the purge list. Ms. Mikulak seconded and the motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

Mr. Baker introduced a motion to move the remaining 13 names from the "error" list onto the eligible voters roll. Mr. Rees seconded and the motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

The master list for removal was reduced to 4,219, and then subtracting 13 from the "error" list now totaled 4,206.

Ms. Mikulak moved to accept the 4,206 individuals on the inactive voter list for cancellation and direct the County Clerk to move forward with cancellation of the registration of those voters. Ms. Sheffer seconded and the motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

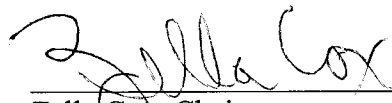
**VIII. Approval of Future Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Rees moved to meet on Friday, March 24, 2023 at 2:00 pm. Mr. Baker seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**IX. Adjournment**

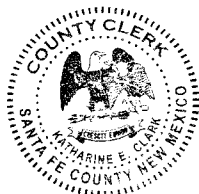
Upon motion by Mr. <sup>Rees</sup> Clifford and second by Mr. Baker, this meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 3:10 p.m.

Approved by:

  
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Zella Cox, Chair  
Board of Registration

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Farrell, Wordswork

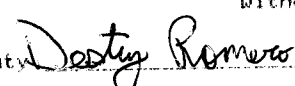


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