

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
ETHICS BOARD

March 26, 2025

Santa Fe, New Mexico

1. This meeting of the Santa Fe County Ethics Board was called to order by Vice Chair Clifford Rees at approximately 4:37 p.m. on the above-cited date at the County Administration Complex, Johnson Conference Room, 240 Grant Avenue Street, Santa Fe.

B. The following members were present and affirmed the meeting was properly called:

Members Present:

Clifford Rees, Vice Chair
Tom Quaid
Frances Carlson [virtually]
Jesse Guillen

Member(s) Absent:

Jonelle Maison, Chair

County Staff Present:

Peter Valencia, Assistant County Attorney
Sara Smith, Operations Manager [virtually]

C. **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Guillen moved to approve the agenda as published and Mr. Quaid seconded. The motion carried without opposition [4-0].

D. **Approval of the Minutes: January 8, 2025**

Mr. Quaid moved approval and Mr. Guillen seconded. The motion to approve the January meeting minutes carried by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

2. **Discussion of Joint Meeting/Training with State Ethics Commission and Local Ethics Boards**

Vice Chair Rees stated that on a previous occasion he provided an overview of the Ethics Boards throughout the state, including the City of Santa Fe, Bernalillo County, Albuquerque, Sandoval County, Rio Rancho, and Roosevelt County. Other counties have Codes of Conduct but no oversight board or committee. He noted he has broached the subject of a joint meeting with the State Ethics Committee and the various boards in the state with Jeremy Farris, the State Ethics

Executive Director. If this body is amenable he can reconnect with Mr. Farris about planning. Part of the State Ethics Commission's purview is to hold such trainings.

Mr. Guillen said it might be difficult to coordinate all of the various groups. A more local approach could be easier.

Mrs. Carlson said it was an excellent idea, even if it were only this board and the State Ethics Commission. In person would be preferable.

Vice Chair Rees noted the State Ethics Commission office is in Albuquerque, and there are a number of committees in that area. He added there is a new deputy who could probably take the lead on this.

Mr. Quaid agreed it was a good idea. He mentioned the State of Oklahoma recently investigated the Superintendent of Public Education for campaign violations and other issues.

3. Discussion Process of Adopting Revised Complaint Form

Assistant County Attorney Peter Valencia indicated a complaint form was adopted by this board in the past but it also needs to be approved by the BCC. A memo and a resolution would need to be formulated. He said the more lead time the better, at least four weeks would be needed.

Vice Chair Rees pointed out that it would be best to consult Ms. Maison on her schedule as she will be out of the country. She should take the lead and she will probably be available by late June.

4. Matters from the Public

There was no one from the public wishing to provide comment.

Vice Chair Rees expressed condolences to Mrs. Carlson on the loss of her husband.

Mr. Quaid mentioned that the Ethics Board's presentation before the BCC went well and he thanked Vice Chair Rees for his work.

Vice Chair Rees said the Commissioners' response was positive. He said that could be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Date of Next Board Meeting: To be determined

Vice Chair Rees stated Mr. Bustos can check everyone's availability.

6. Adjournment

Upon motion by Mr. Quaid and second by Mr. Guillen, and with no further matters to come before this body, the meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 4:59 p.m.

Approved by:

Jonelle Maison, Chair
Ethics Board

Respectfully submitted by:

Debbie Doyle, Wordswork

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SUBJECT TO APPROVAL