

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 052

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING FOUR MEMBERS
TO THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Election Code (Chapter 1 NMSA 1978) creates the position of Board of Registration consisting of five (5) voters in each county who shall serve from July 1 of an odd-numbered year until June 30 of the next succeeding odd-numbered year. Members of the Board of Registration shall hold office until their successors are appointed and qualified; and

WHEREAS, the federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993 ("NVRA") (52 U.S.C. Sections 20501 to 20511) was enacted in part to require states to permit eligible persons to register to vote in federal elections when applying for an initial or renewed driver's license; and

WHEREAS, the NVRA was also enacted to enhance voter participation in elections, to increase the number of registered voters, to ensure that states maintained accurate voter rolls, and to protect the integrity of elections; and

WHEREAS, the Election Code establishes the duties of a county's Board of Registration, which include but are not limited to:

- a. reviewing the list of eligible voters following a general election in satisfaction of the NVRA;
- b. directing the county clerk, in satisfaction of the NVRA to cancel the registration of any voter who has been sent notice in conformance with Section 1-4-28(E) of the Election Code, where the voter has failed to respond to the notice and has not voted, or has confirmed a change of residence to a place outside of the county; and
- c. carrying out other list maintenance provisions of the NVRA and the Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Clerk's Office solicited letters of interest from the general public and recommendations of names from Santa Fe County's qualified political party chairs for consideration of appointment by the Board of County Commissioners ("BCC") to serve on the Board of Registration; and

WHEREAS, the BCC shall appoint a five-member board of which members shall not during their service be county employees, elected officials or candidates for public office, and not more than two members of the board of registration shall be members of the same political party at the time of their appointment; provided that:

1. a member of the board of registration shall not have changed party registration in the two years next preceding the member's appointment in such a manner that the member's prior party registration would make the member ineligible to serve on the board of registration; and
2. a member of the board of registration shall not continue to serve on the board of registration if the member changes party registration after the date of appointment in such a manner to make the member ineligible to serve on the board of registration.
3. In the event that a position on the board of registration becomes vacant for any of the reasons described in Section 10-3-1 NMSA 1978, the board of county commissioners shall appoint a replacement who shall qualify pursuant to Section 1-4-34 (B) and serve until the expiration of the original term.

WHEREAS, the Election Code requires a board of county commissioners to appoint five (5) voters to constitute its Board of Registration at the first regularly scheduled meeting in June of each odd-numbered year; and

WHEREAS, although the Clerk's Office has attempted to solicit interest from various political parties, the only individuals who have submitted their names as candidates for appointment to the Board of Registration are either registered Democrats or Republicans. Accordingly, only four members can be appointed at this time pursuant to the requirement that not more than two members of the board of registration shall be members of the same political party at the time of their appointment set forth in NMSA 1978, Section 1-4-34(B). The County Clerk's Office will continue to solicit interest from the public and will bring the names of additional qualifying candidates to the Board of County Commissioners for appointment of the fifth member of the board of registration as soon as practicable.

WHEREAS, membership on the Board of Registration is from July 1 of an odd-numbered year until June 30 of the next succeeding odd-numbered year. Members of the board of registration shall hold office until their successors are appointed and qualified; and

WHEREAS, members of the Board of Registration shall qualify by taking and filing in the Office of the County Clerk the oath required of county officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that:

1. Four (4) voters, of which no more than two members shall be of the same party, are hereby appointed to serve on the Board of Registration. The four appointees are:

a.	Clifford Rees	Party	Democratic
b.	Marcia Mikulak	Party	Democratic
c.	Gregory Baker	Party	Republican
d.	Sandra Nowers	Party	Republican

2. The members appointed to the Board of Registration shall carry out the duties required of them by the National Voter Registration Act and the Election Code.
3. The members appointed to the Board of Registration shall serve from July 1 of an odd-numbered year until June 30 of the next succeeding odd-numbered year, but each member shall hold their office until their successors are appointed and qualified.
4. In the event that a position on the board of registration becomes vacant for any of the reasons described in Section 10-3-1 NMSA 1978, the board of county commissioners shall appoint a replacement who shall qualify pursuant to Section 1-4-34 (B) and serve until the expiration of the original term.
5. The County Clerk shall continue to solicit interest to fill the current vacancy on the Board of Registration.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

By: 
Henry P. Roybal, Chair

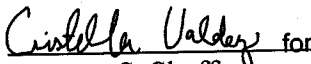
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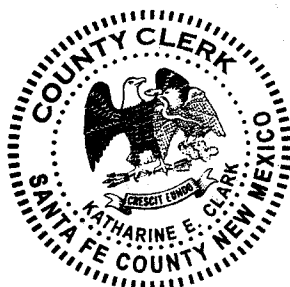


Katharine E. Clark
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 06/08/21

Approved as to form:

 for
Gregory S. Shaffer
Santa Fe County Attorney




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STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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 Katharine E. Clark
Deputy County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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