



**MINUTES**  
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

Peggy Nelson, Board Chair  
**Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 9:00 a.m.**  
Via videoconference

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Nelson called the meeting to Order at 9:00 a.m. Vice-Chair Myers was also present, constituting a quorum. Member Nash could not attend.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Chair Nelson moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Myers and carried unanimously upon a roll call vote.
3. **Approval of April 2, 2024, Meeting Minutes.** The Executive Director suggested adding the scheduled date of the election, April 25, 2024, to Item 6 of the minutes. Vice-Chair Myers moved to approve the April 2, 2024, Meeting Minutes with the addition of the date of the election. The motion was seconded by Chair Nelson and carried unanimously upon a roll call vote.
4. **Public Comments.** There were no public comments.
5. **Voluntary Dismissal.** *AFSCME 1529 v. Doña Ana County*; PELRB 105-24. The Executive Director informed the Board that the parties had settled their dispute and a Voluntary Dismissal had been issued after the withdrawal of the Complaint and the file would now be closed. No action was required to be taken by the Board.
6. **Card Check Results.** *AFSCME, Council 18 & Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District*; PELRB 305-24. The Executive Director informed the Board that the scheduled election had not taken place, but after receiving a revised employee list with fewer employees than the one used to conduct the initial investigation due to the removal of probationary employees, a new Card Check was conducted that indicated the Union had majority support. Consequently, a Certification of Representation was issued. Vice-Chair Myers moved to ratify the Card Check Results and affirm the Certification of Representation and the findings contained therein. The motion was seconded by Chair Nelson and carried unanimously upon a roll call vote.
7. **Director's Reports.** The Executive Director reported that the FY25 budget had been submitted before the May 1 deadline. He also reported that the agency would be making a Budget Adjustment Request at the end of the month to transfer funds from the 200 category (Personal Services) and the 400 category (Supplies) to the Contractual Services category (300 category). That transfer is to ensure that there is enough money in the contractual services category to pay for interpreter services now that we have a case involving the New Mexico School for the Deaf, (New Mexico School for the Deaf Faculty and Staff Association & New Mexico School for the Deaf; PELRB 309-24) as well as AHO services (Hearing Officers, mediation) and paralegal services for help with updating our key word digest and practice manual.

The FY24 audit contract was circulating for signatures and would be executed before the audit begins in July, but one of the signatures needed was from the Board's counsel. A new attorney, Sandra Gardner, had been assigned by the AG's office. Staff were coordinating with the AG's office to facilitate the transition.

The application period for the Executive Director position had closed and Board members had been provided with the application packets received. The application will be reviewed at the special meeting on May 24, 2023, which will take place via videoconference. The June meeting will take place in-person at the PELRB offices on a date to be determined at the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

8. **Adjournment.** The Chair moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Myers and carried unanimously upon a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.