



New Mexico Fire Service Council



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Metro Fire Chiefs Association
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New Mexico EMT Association
Fire and Emergency Managers Affiliate of NM Counties
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New Mexico Professional Fire Fighters Association
New Mexico State Fire Fighters Association
NM Governor's Office
NM Senate
NM House of Representatives

Meeting Minutes

May 12th, 2026

10am to 12noon

Location: State Fire Marshals ABQ Office, Oso Grande Building, 725 6th street NW Albuquerque, NM 87102

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86343774073?pwd=pKiNJlvDMGOoYnAF4Ta5qUj6s3cnlz.1>

Meeting ID: 863 4377 4073

Passcode: 035320

I.	Welcome, Call to Order, Roll Call 1. Chair Jaime Gonzales – Fire & Emergency Managers Affiliate of NM Counties - Absent 2. Vice-Chair John Gabaldon– NM Fire Chiefs Association - Present 3. Tomi DeSoto – NM EMT Association - Present 4. Matt Propp —Metro Fire Chiefs Association - Present 5. Milo Lambert– NM Fire Marshals Association – Present via Zoom 6. Miguel Tittmann – NM Professional Fire Fighters Association - Present 7. John Standefer – NM State Firefighters Association - Present 8. Greg Perez – Governor’s Appointee - Present 9. Vacant – Senate Appointee – N/A 10. Ramon Vilorio—House of Representative Appointee – Absent
II.	Approval of agenda for May 12th, 2026 (emailed prior to meeting) A motion to approve the agenda for May 12 th , 2026, was made by Councilor Miguel Tittmann and a second by Councilor Matt Propp. There was not any discussion. All members present voted in favor of approval of the agenda. Agenda passed.
III.	Approval of minutes from March 17th, 2026 (emailed prior to meeting) A motion to approve the minutes from March 17 th , 2026, meeting was made by Councilor Greg Perez and a second by Councilor John Standefer. There was not any discussion. All members present voted in favor of approval of the minutes. Minutes passed.
IV.	Public Comments (Limited to 3 minutes per speaker, sign up with the secretary prior to start of meeting) No Public Comment
V.	Old Business 1. None
VI.	New Business 1. Discussion: Review of proposed changes for NMAC 10.25.10 a. DC Leyba reviewed the updates and language changes to NMAC 10.25.10 that will match the Fire Chief’s Handbook. b. DC Leyba stated the Firefighter Task book is a tool to be implemented at the local level to prepare students for IFSAC Firefighter I & II course. Councilor members questioned if the task book would replace the Firefighter I & II certificate. DC Leyba advised the task book will not replace the IFSAC Firefighter I & II certificate and stated an agency can develop their own firefighter training program, but the liability will fall on the authority having jurisdiction.



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	c. Councilor Lambert questioned if EMS supplies can be purchased with fire funds if approved by the State Fire Marshal's Office. DC Leyba stated a department can request use of fire funds to purchase equipment/supplies for auxiliary abilities only if that department is fully equipped to handle structural firefighting. d. Councilor Lambert asked if better clarification of the term Basic Maintenance under fire hydrants could be added. DC Leyba stated they would work on a guideline. 2. Discussion: SFMO updates - a. New Academy building in Santa Fe – SFM Randy Varela i. SFM Varela stated construction has been ongoing for two weeks on the new fire academy in Santa Fe and stated it is scheduled to be completed October 2027. SFM Varela stated the memorial is on schedule to be opened on December 1st, 2026. b. Fire Academy and Support Services – DC Anthony Leyba i. DC Leyba stated the academy received its IFSAC accreditation renewal and stated the academy is currently working on NFPA 1010 upgrades. DC Leyba stated Phase 1 for improving the fire academy includes upgrades to the grounds, upgrades to the admin building, upgrades to the fire station, and new paint for the buildings which should be completed by September/October of this year. DC Leyba stated Phase 2 will include floor stabilization for the buildings and landscaping, Phase 3 would include upgrades to burn props, and Phase 4 would include upgrading the student staging building. ii. DC Leyba stated Fire Support received all fire department applications for FY27 funding and stated the application for fire grants will open July 1st, 2026 and close August 30th, 2026. SFM Varela stated the fire fund is increasing to \$110 million. c. Investigations and Code Enforcement – DC Aaron Garcia i. SFM Varela asked for the codes division update to be tabled until next meeting. SFM Varela stated the codes group has reviewed over 10 million square feet in plans. SFM Varela stated they plan to request more personnel to support codes and stated they currently have four positions open with one being filled soon.
VII.	Announcements 1. Council Member Announcements a. Councilor Perez – stated he would have two LODD to present to the council at a later date. b. Councilor Tittmann – stated HB128 does not have a statute of limitations for filling for cancer caused by work in the Fire Service. c. Vice-Chair Gabaldon – stated the NM Chief's conference is scheduled for September and stated they are working on scholarships to increase attendance. d. Councilor DeSoto – no comments e. Counciler Standefer – no comments f. Councilor Propp – no comments g. Councilor Lambert – no comments
VIII.	Adjourn - 1. Next meeting is scheduled for July 14th, 2026, at the SFMO ABQ office.



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| | 2. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Greg Perez and a second was made by Councilor Miguel Tittmann. All members present voted in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned by Vice-Chair John Gabaldon at 11:48am. |
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Prepared by Councilor T. DeSoto

Minutes Approval

Minutes Approved on _____
Date

NM FSC Chair Signature

NM FSC Secretary Signature