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**NEW MEXICO
STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION**

2026 Policy for Compliance with the Open Meetings Act

Effective: February 17th, 2026

Policy Statement:

This policy establishes the rules and procedures the State Emergency Response Commission will follow to ensure compliance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.

WHEREAS, the State Emergency Response Commission (the "Commission" or "SERC") met in open session during a regularly scheduled meeting in Albuquerque on February 17th, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1 (B) of the Open Meetings Act ("OMA") (NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1 to -4) requires that, except as may be otherwise provided in the New Mexico Constitution or the provisions of the OMA, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, council, commission, administrative adjudicatory body, or other policymaking body of any state or local public agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the delegated authority of such body, are public meetings open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is a public body subject to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, under Section 10-15-1 (D), any meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule, or other formal action occurs shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public; and


WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1 (D) requires the Commission to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the State Emergency Response Commission that:

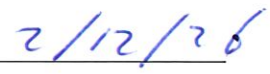
1. Regular Meetings. Notice of regular meetings shall be given at least ten (10) calendar days in advance of the meeting with a final agenda posted at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting.
2. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called if business requires by the Chair or a majority of the members upon at least seventy-two (72) hours' notice, at which time the agenda must be posted as well.
3. Emergency Meetings. Emergency meetings may be called pursuant to the OMA and only to address unforeseen circumstances that, if not addressed immediately by the Commission, will likely result in injury or damage to persons or property or substantial

- d. Except as provided in Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act, any action taken as a result of discussions in a closed meeting shall be made by vote of the Commission in an open, public meeting that has been properly noticed.
- 8. Commission members may participate in a meeting by conference telephone or other similar communications equipment as permitted by OMA when it is otherwise difficult or impossible for the member to attend in person, provided that all participants are able to hear and communicate clearly with one another and that the members of the public in attendance are able to hear any member who speaks during the meeting.

This Resolution is hereby ADOPTED by a quorum of the State Emergency Response Commission this 17th Day of February, 2026.



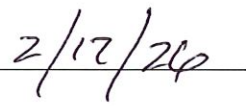
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