



New Mexico Fire Service Council



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Meeting Minutes

March 17th, 2026

10:30am 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/89879317635?pwd=enGOElvjqIRyD7OLOoQFRH4QVtu6FL.1>

I.	<p>Chair Jaime Gonzales called the meeting to order at 9:55am.</p> <p>Roll Call:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair Jaime Gonzales – Fire & Emergency Managers Affiliate of NM Counties - Present 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 6. Miguel Tittmann – NM Professional Fire Fighters Association - Absent 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.	<p>Approval of agenda for March 17th, 2026 <i>(emailed prior to meeting)</i></p> <p>A motion to approve the agenda for March 17th, 2026, was made by Councilor Greg Perez and a second by Councilor Milo Lambert. There was no discussion and all members present voted in favor of approval of the agenda. Agenda passed.</p>
III.	<p>Approval of minutes from January 27th, 2026 <i>(emailed prior to meeting)</i></p> <p>A motion to approve the minutes from January 27th, 2026, meeting was made by Councilor Greg Perez and a second by Councilor John Standefer. A grammar error was found and asked to be amended by Councilor Lambert. Councilor Milo Lambert made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and seconded by Councilor Greg Perez. All members present voted in favor of approval of the minutes with amendment with Councilor Matt Propp abstaining. Minutes passed with amendment.</p>
IV.	<p>Public Comments <i>(Limited to 3 minutes per speaker, sign up with the secretary prior to start of meeting)</i></p> <p>No Public Comment</p>
V.	<p>Old Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. None
VI.	<p>New Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion/Action: Annual adoption of NM Open Meetings Act <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Councilor Greg Perez made a motion to adopt the NM Open Meetings Act and a second by Councilor Milo Lambert. There was no discussion. All members present voted in favor of adopting the NM Open Meetings Act. Motion passed.



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	<p>2. Discussion/Actin: Results from Rulemaking Hearing for the following -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 10.25.16 NMAC Appeals: Appeals of State Fire Marshal Orders or Modifications to the Fire Services Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A motion to make a recommendation to the NM State Fire Marshal to approve 10.25.16 NMAC Appeals was made by Councilor Milo Lambert and a second by Councilor Tomi DeSoto. No discussion. Councilor Matt Propp abstained. All members present voted in favor. Motion approved. b. 10.25.15 NMAC Complaints Heard by Fire Services Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A motion to make a recommendation to the NM State Fire Marshal to approve 10.25.15 NMAC Complaints was made by Councilor Greg Perez and a second by Councilor John Standefer. No discussion. Councilor Matt Propp abstained. All members present voted in favor. Motion approved. c. 10.25.14 NMAC Firefighters Survivor's Supplemental Death Benefits. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A motion to make a recommendation to the NM State Fire Marshal to approve 10.25.14 NMAC Firefighters Survivor's Supplemental Death Benefits was made by Councilor Greg Perez and a second by Councilor Milo Lambert. No discussion. Councilor Matt Propp abstained. All members present voted in favor. Motion approved. <p>3. Discussion: Review of proposed changes for NMAC 10.25.1 - 10.25.10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. SFM Randy Varela stated they were working on draft of proposed changes and will have a copy for review by the council before next meeting. <p>4. Discussion: SFMO updates -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. New Academy building in Santa Fe – SFM Randy Varela <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. SFM Varela stated contract for the Santa Fe Academy was awarded today and scheduled to be complete by October 2027 with the Memorial scheduled to be completed by December 1st, 2026. b. Fire Academy and Support Services – SFM Randy Varela <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. SFM Varela stated construction at the Socorro Academy will begin in July. SFM Varela stated it will cost \$5 million to replace fire props and plan to retro fit the flams pad to use propane instead of diesel. Also stated the old burn building is not being used. ii. SFM Varela stated they are working to purchase a mobile fire training unit that will assist in getting folks trained to the Firefighter I level. Stated should be ready by December of this year. c. Investigations and Code Enfoncement – SFM Randy Varela <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. SFM Varela stated the investigations division has had 13 fire related fatalities so far this year.. Stated they plan to work with Red Cross on the Sound the Alarm program to get more smoke detectors into homes. ii. SFM Varela stated code enforcement have reviewed over 3 million square feet in plans this year and stated they are now inspecting schools. Also stated they are working to adopt IFC 2024 codes. iii. SFM Varela stated they are planning to add two staff positions to Code Enforcement; one for construction and one to oversee inspectors. iv. SFM Varela stated the Fire Prevention officer has been conducting training in the schools.
VII	<p>Announcements</p> <p>1. Council Member Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chair Jaime Gonzales – Fire & Emergency Managers Affiliate of NM Counties – no comments b. Vice-Chair John Gabaldon– NM Fire Chiefs Association – no comments c. Tomi DeSoto – NM EMT Association – no comments d. Matt Propp —Metro Fire Chiefs Association – no comments e. Milo Lambert– NM Fire Marshals Association – no comments f. John Standefer – NM State Firefighters Association – no comments



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	<p>g. Greg Perez – Governor’s Appointee – stated he may be bringing two LODD cases to the council once initial reports have been completed.</p>
<p>VII</p>	<p>Adjourn -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Next meeting is scheduled for May 12th, 2026, at the SFMO ABQ office. 2. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Greg Perez and a second was made by Councilor John Standefer. All members present voted in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned by Chair Jaime Gonzales at 10:26am.

Prepared by Councilor T. DeSoto

Minutes Approval

Minutes Approved on _____
Date

NM FSC Chair Signature

NM FSC Secretary Signature