

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE NORTHERN REGIONAL
HOUSING AUTHORITY
HELD March 7, 2025
2:00PM**

The meeting of the Board of Commissions of the Northern Regional Housing Authority was held on March 7, 2025, via telephone and teams.

Call to Order

The NRHA Regular Board meeting was called to order at 2:04PM by Chairwoman Vigil.

Members present:

Board Chair	Donna Vigil
Vice Board Chair	Bernadine Trujillo
Secretary	Nikki Sandoval-Belt Board
Commissioner	Reverand Garland Moore

Members Absent:

Also present in the meeting:

Executive Director	Natasha Martinez
Deputy of Public Housing	Carmelita Lucero
Deputy of Programs & Funding	Amanda Griego

Approval of the agenda

ED Martinez asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Rev. Moore made a motion to approve the agenda. Secretary Sandoval- Belt second the motion. ED Martinez stated, all in favor signify by saying aye.

All members stated, "Aye". No one opposed. ED Martinez stated that motion carries.

Executive Director Report, Natasha Martinez

ED Martinez stated, it's been a busy couple of months to say the least. With the Legislative session going on and with everything happening on the federal level.

We've been a little bit a little bit in chaos mode. We did see on that there's a possibility that our field office in Albuquerque will be closing. We don't know right now if that is just rumor.

Also, there's two bills in the in legislation, there's Senate Bill 204 or Yes 204 and House Bill 448 that are both to create a housing department in the state of New Mexico. So myself, Mr.

Herbert and Tonya, I don't know her last name from Western have all attended the committee

anything that might happen. So that's kind of where we stand financially. I think the entire state and country are in the same boat.

We're just kind of holding on to figure out where we stand.

In hopes that our programs stay stable, which I do believe that they will. I have full faith that. The services that we provide are essential to the communities that we serve, and I feel that we are essential, and I don't feel that we're going to be going anywhere. We may have to change the way that we function, but I don't feel that there will be any issues. We will still be federally funded, if anything.

And with that, I will stand for some questions.

Chairwoman Vigil stated, what's his name? Sam Hillis, is that who at the legislature?

ED Martinez stated he is in the other office, and he has it on his computer so that when I need to jump in, I'll go over there and I'll jump in on it because Carmelita is here with me in the office, Amanda's homesick.

Chairwoman Vigil stated, okay.

ED Martinez stated, we also had a truck that went for an oil change that had 2000 miles on it. I'm ready to cry. The company that did the oil change did not do something right. It leaked oil started knocking and the motor locked up, so we had to talk to, you know, legal and get everything situated there, but hopefully we'll be getting that fixed. But we're down one truck, but I'm just upset that it's one of our new trucks. It would have been easier if it was an older truck on my part anyway. So that's kind of a little costly on our end, but yeah.

The projects are moving along in all of our areas except for Questa.

Right now, those ones are on a stand still.

I believe, and I guess we could mention it in public meeting.

I don't know if I can. I think it's like that gray area.

But we do have our attorneys speaking to their attorneys about the logistics of the whole project itself.

I guess I could say that in an open meeting.

But any other questions?

Secretary Sandoval-Belt asked, do we have any new updates on the audits or any new movement on any of that?

ED Martinez stated, So the state auditor, as well as our field office have followed up with the auditor. They're starting our field work, so they have gotten the audit from the other auditors. They're working on that stuff. But I wanted a timeline.

because as we've conducted internal audits, both Lora, myself and Sam, we haven't found anything that was misappropriated or taken. The only thing that was a little bit leery were certain things that were paid, but they were within the contract that was approved so even though from the outside it doesn't look like it was the right, you know, way to spend that money. It was approved in in a contract, so that was the only thing that we found a little bit alarming. And that's just us trying to do some internal work before the auditors come in and get there. And that's already us looking at 23 and 24. That's what we're combing through now, because we're hoping 22 will just be done soon.

So that 23 and 24 can be expedited. Carmelita's worked with the ladies to make sure everybody's calculating correctly, and the only thing that I was a little unsure of was going to be our flat rent for this coming year and after looking at them and that increase in it, it was just two of our counties, Los Alamos and Taos County and I don't have to do the Taos County for public housing.

So it was okay, but not for Taos County. But we do have to do public housing for Taos County and that was the one where it was a huge increase from one year to the other. We do need to make sure that these audits get done and we just have everything waiting for them so that when they come in we give it all to them and just get it done because that's what we're trying to do. I have worked with Mr. Fierro before, and he's done a great job. Not great, because they actually gave us a disclaimer in Wagon Mound one year, but he's very fair and he is very thorough on his work so.

Any other questions or concerns?

We will have our annual plan and our annual capital plan and our those will be coming through and see we barely did those like in October. We already did our ones for this year so that they are on time, they're going to be submitted by April, it'll all roll out perfectly the way it's supposed to.

And any other questions or comments or concerns?

6. a. Discussion, Consideration, and Action Resolution to approve flat rent for NRHA.

Chairwoman Vigil asked, So we're gonna go ahead and table the resolution to approve the flat rent, correct. Till next the end of the month.

ED Martinez stated, yes, we table it until the next meeting at the end of the month.

Approval of Minutes

a. January 31, 2025

ED Martinez stated, so the next thing on the agenda would be the approval of the Minutes of January 31st. Has everybody, I believe Amanda has sent them out. They've been out for a few weeks. Did everybody have a chance to review them?

ED Martinez stated motion carries and we are adjourned at 2:26PM

Adjournment

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donna Vigil".

Chairwoman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Secretary