

**VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**AUGUST 27, 2021**

*Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031*

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Gerard Saiz, Chairman	
Jhonathan Aragon, Vice-Chair (Via Zoom)	
	David A. Hyder, Member
Troy Richardson, Member	
Joseph Bizzell, Member	
Danny Monette, County Manager	
Adren Nance & Dave Pato, County Attorneys	Via Zoom
Celia Dittmaier, Chief Deputy Clerk	Mike Milam, County Clerk
Press and Public	

1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Saiz at 1:00 P.M.

2) Chief Deputy Celia Dittmaier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Bizzell moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Richardson. Roll call vote. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

**ACTION ITEM(S):**

4) Consideration to Approve Resolution 2021-\_\_\_: **Opposing Vaccine Passports as a Requirement for Admission to the New Mexico State Fair and Mask Mandates for Youth Livestock Producers.** Presenter: *County Attorney, Adren R. Nance*; Sponsor: *Vice-Chairman, Jhonathan Aragon*

Mr. Nance stated that the proposed resolution was prepared at the request of the vice chairman, it is in reaction to the governor's and DOH order that a vaccine passport must be shown to get into the state fair as well as individuals showing livestock being required to wear a mask in the open air arena. Commissioner Aragon stated that he asked county legal to draft this resolution after he spoke with individuals and colleagues throughout the state, he stated that this issue is becoming and pick and choose situation. There was an event at the Expo last weekend and a vaccine passport was not required to attend, there were many pictures of the event posted showing individuals not wearing masks. There is also another event being held at the Expo this weekend where there is not a vaccine mandate. If this was really based on science all the events would require a vaccine passport. He stated that if these mandates are allowed to continue the state and the country is going to go down a bad road. There are a lot of kids that have put their time and hard work into the animals that they unfortunately won't be able to show at the state fair. The vaccine mandate also came with short notice regarding the state fair. Chairman Saiz asked the commission which version of the resolution the board wished to act on. Commissioner Richardson stated that he had asked Mr. Nance to draft the second resolution in order to take a firmer stance on the issue.

Commissioner Aragon moved for approval of the second draft of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Richardson. Roll call vote. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Chief Deputy Clerk Celia Dittmaier announced Resolution 2021-45. (See Exhibit A)

**NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:**

September 1, 2021 – Workshop – Universal Waste Systems @ 3:30 P.M. via Facebook Live  
 Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031

September 1, 2021 – Business Meeting @ 5:00 P.M. via Facebook Live  
 Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031

5) Adjournment

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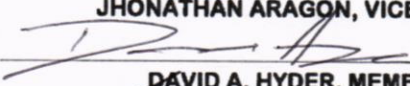
Chairman Saiz adjourned the meeting. **TIME 1:08: P.M.**

**NOTE:** All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the August 27, 2021 Special Business Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

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**GERARD SAIZ, CHAIRMAN**

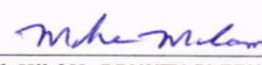
  
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**JHONATHAN ARAGON, VICE-CHAIR**

  
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**DAVID A. HYDER, MEMBER**

  
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**TROY RICHARDSON, MEMBER**

  
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**JOSEPH BIZZELL, MEMBER**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**MICHAEL MILAM, COUNTY CLERK**

**DATE**

*9-15-2021*



*Minutes are not verbatim. The complete audio file from this meeting can be heard at <https://www.co.valencia.nm.us/>*