

**VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 29, 2022**

*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	
Mike Milam, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

**1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Saiz at 3:34 P.M.**

**2) Mayor Noblin 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 Hyder voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**4) Approval of Minutes: 11/16/2022 -Special Canvass Meeting  
11/16/2022- Public Hearing/Business Meeting**

Commissioner Richardson moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Bizzell. Roll call vote. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**ACTION ITEM(S):**

**5) Appointment of Valencia County Treasurer Per NMSA 1978, § 10-3-3 (2019).**

**Presenter: County Attorney, David Pato; Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business**

Mr. Nance stated that today's meeting is being held to fill a vacancy. The vacancy shall be filled by the commissions appointee and that individual will hold the office until the end of the unexpired term. Chairman Saiz stated that each applicant will be allowed three minutes each to address the commission. Angela Womack, Beverly Romero, James Sublett, Orlando Santillanes, Peggy Carabajal, Ron Saiz, Russell Schmidt, and Johnnie Ulibarri were the individuals that submitted letters of interest and presented before the commission. Commissioner Richardson asked Mr. Saiz how the abatement program would run if he was appointed and not there to run the program. Mr. Saiz stated that he has a plan in place and there is someone that can step in and keep the ball rolling.

Commissioner Bizzell asked if Treasurer Sichler has submitted a letter saying she is abandoning her position. Mr. Nance stated that the county manager did receive a letter and her resignation will not take place until the first. The commission can appoint someone today but it would not go into effect until the resignation is complete. Commissioner Aragon thanked those that applied for the vacancy; he stated that in going forward he would like to see the new treasurer provide quarterly reports to the commission. Chairman Saiz thanked all those individuals that submitted letters of interest, it is not going to be an easy job for the commission to make an appointment. He then opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Aragon moved to nominate Ron Saiz. Seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

Commissioner Hyder moved to nominate Peggy Carabajal. Seconded by Commissioner Richardson.

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Chairman Saiz moved to nominate Orlando Santillanes. Seconded by Commissioner Bizzell.

Commissioner Aragon moved to seize nominations. Seconded by Commissioner Richardson. Roll call vote. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Saiz called for a vote on the nomination of Orlando Santillanes. Commissioner Richardson voted no. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted no. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted no. Motion failed 2-3.

Chairman Saiz called for a vote on the nomination of Peggy Carabajal. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Bizzell voted no. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted no. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion failed 2-3.

Chairman Saiz called for a vote on the nomination of Ron Saiz. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted no. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 4-1. (See Exhibit A)

Mr. Saiz thanked the commission for appointing him to the position, he looks forward to working with all the employees of the county.

**NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:**

November 29, 2022 – ICIP Meeting at 4:00 P.M. & Community Christmas Tree Lighting at 5:00 P.M. Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave, Los Lunas, NM 87031

December 21, 2022 – Public Hearing/Business Meeting @ 5:00 P.M. via Facebook Live Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031

**6) Adjournment**

Chairman Saiz adjourned the meeting. TIME: 4:02 P.M.

**NOTE:** All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the November 29, 2022 Special Business Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

**VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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**GERARD SAIZ, CHAIRMAN**

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**JHONATHAN ARAGON, VICE-CHAIR**

  
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**DAVID A. HYDER, MEMBER**

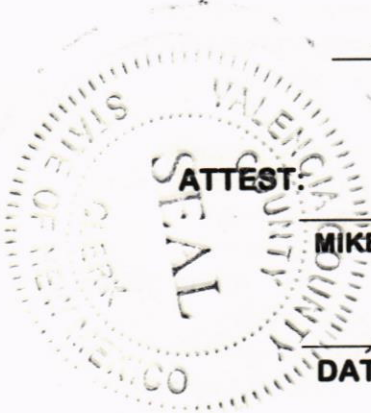
  
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**TROY RICHARDSON, MEMBER**

  
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**JOSEPH BIZZELL, MEMBER**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**MIKE MILAM COUNTY CLERK**

12-21-22  
**DATE**



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