**MINUTES**
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**
**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**
**Peggy Nelson, Board Chair**
**Regular Meeting**
**Tuesday October 20, 2026, 9:00 a.m.**
Via videoconference

1. **Call to Order** Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Member Nash and Vice-Chair Myers were also present, constituting a quorum.
2. **Approval of Agenda** Member Nash moved to approve the Amended Agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Myers and carried unanimously.
3. **Approval of September 1, 2026 Meeting Minutes** Member Nash moved to approve the Amended Agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Myers and carried unanimously.
4. **Public Comment** There were no public comments.
5. **Voluntary Dismissals** The Executive Director informed the Board that the complaint in each of the below cases had been withdrawn and a Voluntary Dismissal issued. No action was taken by the Board.
   a. *AFSCME 6911 v. Taos;* PELRB 119-26
   b. *TCEA v. T or C Schools;* PELRB 124-26
6. **Dismissals (no request for review)** The Executive Director informed the Board that in *Hawkins v. Gallup-McKinley Co. Schools,* PELRB 123-26; and *AFSCME & Grant County;* PELRB 315-26 the complaint and petition, respectively, had been found inadequate after initial review and no curative pleading had been filed so they had been dismissed and no request for Board review had been lodged in either case. Member Nash moved to affirm the dismissals; the motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Myers and carried unanimously.
7. **Certification of Representation (no request for review)** The Executive Director informed the Board that in *AFSCME & Otero County,* PELRB 308-26, after resolving all unit composition issues, a Certification of Representation was issued after a card count had indicated majority support. Member Nash moved to approve the Certifications and the findings therein the motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Myers and carried unanimously.
8. **Clarification on Board's Order 10-PELRB-2026*** *IAFF 3602 & Clovis;* PELRB 321-25 & 312-26.

   Chair Nelson moved to go into closed executive session for adjudicative deliberations pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(3) to discuss Item 8 on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Member Nash and carried unanimously. The time was 9:12 a.m.

   At 9:26 a.m. Chair Nelson moved to return to open session and stated pursuant to sections 10-15-1(I)(l) and 10-15-1(J), the only matter discussed in the closed executive session was Item 8 on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Member Nash and carried unanimously.

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The Chair stated that the parties were in a better position to formulate an Order that would allow the parties to proceed. The Chair then invited the representatives for the parties to address the Board. Brian Petruska, counsel for the Petitioner addressed the Board first, followed by Dina Holcomb, counsel for the Respondent. The Chair then instructed the parties to submit an agreed-upon order, with the signatures of the Parties, defining the incumbent bargaining unit as it existed in 1999.

9. **Evidentiary Hearing on the Respondent's Compliance with the Board's Order 9-PELRB-2026 (vacated, to be reset)*** *Hatch POA v. Hatch;* PELRB 128-25. The Chair explained that the Respondent had recently retained new counsel and the hearing would have to be rescheduled. Fred Mowrer, counsel for the Complainant, indicated he believed a hearing would be necessary and proposed some possible dates for the rescheduled hearing. Benjamin Young appeared for the Respondent. After a brief discussion, the hearing was rescheduled for the Board's meeting on December 1, 2026, in-person at the PELRB Offices.
10. **Staff Reports** The Executive Director informed the Board that the FY26 audit had been completed with no findings and submitted to the State Auditor. The Agency had was on track to stay within the budget, complying with the 50% rule. There were no significant developments in any pending litigation.
11. **Adjournment.** After a brief discussion the Board elected to not have a meeting in November and the next meeting was set for December 1, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Board's offices in Albuquerque. Member Nash moved to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Myers and carried unanimously. The time was 9:41 a.m.

* The Board may go into closed executive session for adjudicative deliberations pursuant to section 10-15- 1(H)(3) of the Open Meetings Act.
** The Board may go into closed executive session to discuss pending litigation pursuant to section 10-15- 1(H)(7) of the Open Meetings Act.

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