

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**  
**OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**  
**HELD JANUARY 1, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The San Miguel County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting on Friday January 1, 2021. San Miguel County Attorney Dave Romero called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M., via remote live on San Miguel County website. Upon roll call by County Clerk Geraldine E. Gutierrez, Commissioner Harold Garcia present, Commissioner Max Trujillo present, Commissioner Janice Varela present, Commissioner Kenneth Medina present, and Commissioner Martin Sena present.

The record will show a quorum is present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SALUTATION TO THE NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG:**

**"I salute the flag of the State of New Mexico and the Zia Symbol of perfect friendship among United Cultures.** Attorney Dave Romero led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salutation to the New Mexico State Flag.

Motion made by Commissioner Max Trujillo to approve the agenda. Second by Commissioner Harold Garcia. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

San Miguel County Attorney Dave Romero presented to the Commission the first item under New Business, the election of Chair and Vice-Chair. Mr. Romero opened the floor for nomination of Chairperson.

Motion made by Commissioner Max Trujillo to nominate Commissioner Harold Garcia Chairman. Second by Commissioner Martin Sena. Commissioner Harold Garcia accepted the nomination. Attorney Dave Romero called for a roll call vote.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Commissioner Max Trujillo – Yes

Commissioner Kenneth Medina – Yes

Commissioner Janice Varela – Yes

Commissioner Martin Sena – Yes

Commissioner Harold Garcia – Yes

Motion Carried.

San Miguel County Attorney Dave Romero at this time turn over the meeting to newly elected Chairman Harold Garcia. Chairman Harold Garcia opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenneth Medina to nominate Commissioner Janice Varela as Vice-Chair. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Commissioner Janice Varela accepted the nomination. Chairman Harold Garcia called for a roll call vote.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Commissioner Max Trujillo- Yes

Chairman Harold Garcia - Yes

Commissioner Kenneth Medina - Yes

Commissioner Martin Sena - Yes

Commissioner Janice Varela - Yes

Motion Carried.

**ADOPTION OF THE OPEN MEETING ACT**

San Miguel County Chairman Harold Garcia informed the Commission the Adoption of the Open Meeting Act would be presented by Attorney Dave Romero.

San Miguel County Attorney Dave Romero presented to the commission suggestions of changes to be made to the Open Meeting Act. Mr. Romero went over the possibility of reducing the days on item #3 from 10 to 8 days to present an item to the agenda Mr. Romero also recommended to item #9 the vote of three Commissioners to change an item to be presented on the agenda. Mr. Romero also went over when the meetings should be held. Commissioner Martin Sena suggested a change to the regular meeting schedule from January 12, 2021 at

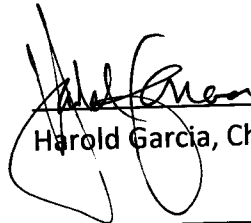
2:00pm to January 14, 2021 at 9:00am. Madam Vice-Chair Janice Varela suggested the resolution be read out loud to the public. Madam Vice-Chair Janice Varela commented that the adoption of the resolution of the Open Meetings Act should not take place at this time.

### **Adjournment**

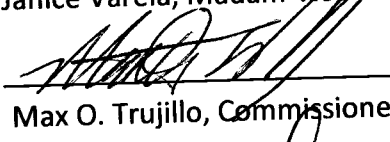
Chairman Harold Garcia called for a motion to adjourn the meeting 11:01a.m.

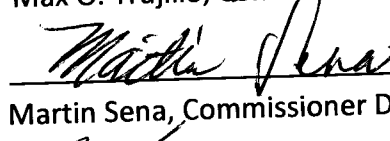
Motion made by Commissioner Max Trujillo to adjourn the meeting at 11:02a.m. Second by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Motion carried.

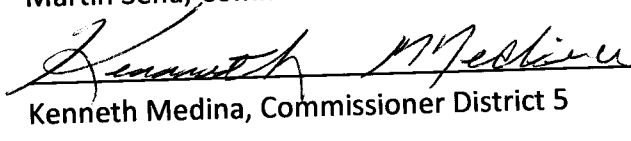
Approved this 9th day of February, 2021, as the Official Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County New Mexico, of its Special Meeting held January 1, 2021.

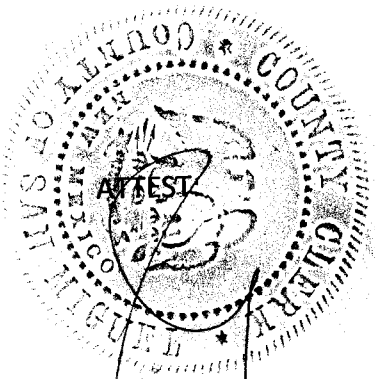
  
Harold Garcia, Chairman District 1

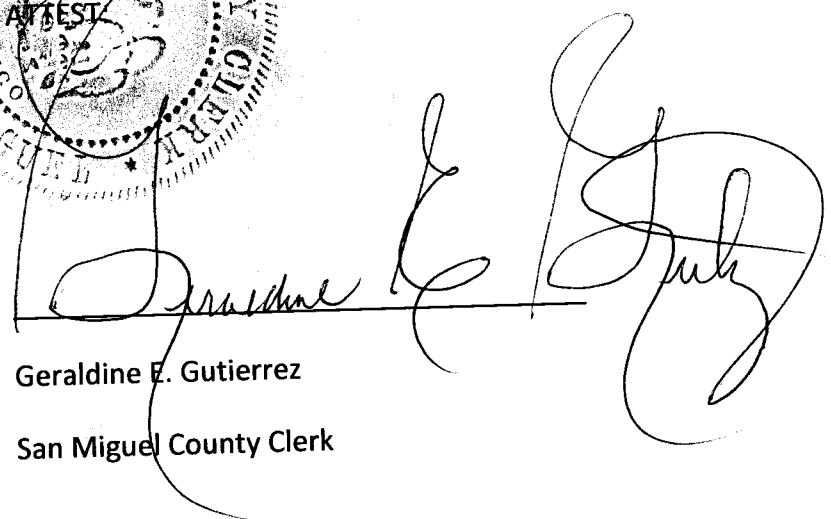
Janice Varela, Madam Vice Chair District 2

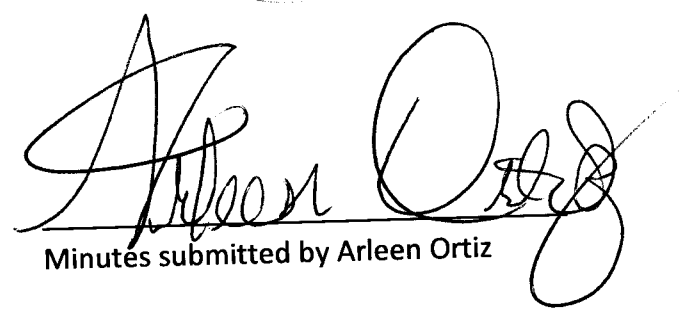
  
Max O. Trujillo, Commissioner District 3

  
Martin Sena, Commissioner District 4

  
Kenneth Medina, Commissioner District 5



  
Geraldine E. Gutierrez  
San Miguel County Clerk

  
Minutes submitted by Arleen Ortiz