



NEW MEXICO LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL



REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Wednesday March 11, 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: New Mexico Law Enforcement
Academy
4491 Cerrillos Rd.
Santa Fe, NM 87507

Zoom Link:

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Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

- Chair Sgt. Johnathan Jensen called the meeting to order at 9:04. New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy Executive Assistant Sheyenne Boling conducted roll call confirming the in-person attendance from Acting Director Sylvia Serna, Cmdr. Joseph Viers, Lt. John Barricklow, Dir. Anthony Maez, Lt. Tate McBride, Chair Sgt. Johnathan Jensen, Dir. Dennis Kelly, Dir. Gilber Najar, Teresa Beaty, Guadalupe Tarango, Nicole Brown, Richard Mathews, Joana Wells, Sheriff Dennis Garcia, Chief Mizel Garcia, and Chief Greg Concho. DA Sam Bregman attended via Zoom. Lt. Veronica Seanz arrived late at 9:17. Sara Millspaugh and Capt. Jason Gleason were absent.

B. Moment of Silence for Sergeant Michael Schlattman (Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office)

- Chair Sgt. Jonathan Jensen held a moment of silence for Sergeant Michael Schlattman for Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office.

C. Approval of Agenda

- Member DA Sam Bregman made a motion to approve the agenda. Vice-Chair Lt. Tate McBride seconded. The motion passed 16 votes in favor and none against.

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2025, Meeting

- Member Gudalupe Tarango made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 10th, 2025, regular meeting. Vice-Chair Lt. Tate McBride seconded. The motion passed with 16 votes in favor and one against.

REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Director's Reports

- Albuquerque Police Department Academy Cmdr. Viers: 18 cadets are currently in the 134th class, scheduled to graduate in five weeks. The 135th class will begin in two weeks with an expected 20-22 cadets. The biennium cycle is just beginning.
- Bernalillo County Sheriff Academy Lt. Barricklow: Lateral class 5 is in progress with 9 laterals, set to graduate in April. Class 48 is expected to have approximately 32 cadets.
- Central New Mexico Community College Director Anthony Maez: Current class of 30 cadet to graduate in May. A dispatch class started this week, with the plans to run three more classes this year, plus another Law Enforcement Academy class in August. A leadership course and advanced training are also ongoing.
- Las Cruces Police Department Lt. McBride: The 56th academy class started March 8th and is currently underway.
- New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy Acting Director Sylvia Serna: Introduced two new Deputy Directors: Jason Foster of training and Jessica Arbllo of Operations. The Academy is continuing partnership with CNM for legal block. Upcoming events include the second annual Human Trafficking Conference (April 28-29, 2026) with the plans of a third annual conference next year, and preparation for the 2026 New Mexico Law Enforcement Memorial honoring Office Timothy Ontiveros and Deputy Sheirff Antonio Aleman. Training updates include graduation of PST Class 170 in February with 18 students, CBW class in December with 17 students, and ongoing BOPT Class 211 with 48 enrolled and 40 remaining; graduation is in May of 2026.
- San Juan County Criminal Justice Training Authority Sgt. Jonathan Jensen: Academy class started January 25th with 29 cadets and current have 23 cadets. Advanced Training Scheduled for the summer.
- Western New Mexico University Director Gilbert Najjar: Academy is in week 9, started January 12. Students are currently in the EVOC portion of the academy.

B. Adoption of 2026 Open Meetings Act Resolution

- The Council considered the adoption of the 2026 Open Meetings Act Resolution, presented by Marianne Bowers from New Mexico Department of justice. It was noted that the resolution was based on the 2025 version and that the date would be updated upon approval. Member Nicole Brown made a motion to approve the resolution. Member Richard Mathews seconded. The motion passed unanimously with 17 votes in favor and one against.

C. New Academy Curriculum Update

- 1) Topics received so far
 - 2) Review and feedback process
- Training & Development Specialist with the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy Rhonda Pierce provided an update on the IADLEST curriculum review, noting that

progress remains on track since the December 10th, 2025, Regular Council meeting. The working group has completed reviews of Constitutional Law, Interviews and Interrogations, Criminal Investigations, and Crime Victims, with feedback on the Persons with Mental Impairment and Death Investigations lesson due the following week. A follow-up meeting is scheduled to discuss proposed changes. Lesson plans continue to be provided in advance to support timely review. Additionally, member Richard Matthews will begin coordinating with subject matter experts to address more complex topics, including Use of Force and Defensive tactics.

D. Legislative Update

1) Update on SB50

- Vice-Chair Lt. Tate McBride provided an update on Senate Bill 50, noting that the bill passed the Senate with bipartisan support but was not heard by the House Judiciary Committee and therefore did not advance. The Council will continue working with stakeholders to gather feedback and improve the bill for future consideration. It was noted that lessons were learned during the process, and additional preparation and coordination with partners, including the Law Enforcement Academy, will take place before reintroduction next Legislative Session.

E. Rules Rewrite Update

1) Consideration and possible action to initiate rulemaking for Title 10, Chapter 28 rules.

- Member Richard Matthews provided an update on the rules rewrite, noting that all necessary revisions have been incorporated. The revised draft was emailed to members of the Council. A motion was made by Member Nicole Brown and seconded by Member Guadalupe Tarango to advance the draft to the public review phase. During discussion, it was emphasized that the document will serve as a living document and can be updated as needed after publication. The FTO program is not included at the stage but will be addressed in a future revision. The draft will be posted for a 30-day public comment period on the New Mexico State Record and Archives website, followed by at least one public hearing to gather input. The motion passed unanimously with 18 votes in favor and none against. Next steps include posting the document, coordinating public hearing, reviewing feedback, and preparing for a final vote in July.

F. Presentation of Ratified Certifications for CBW NMLEA class #122 and SNMLEA class #29.

- Vice-Chair Lt. Tate McBride made a motion to approve the ratification of certification for NMLEA CBW class #122 and SNMLEA CBW class #29. Member Cmdr. Joseph Viers seconded. The motion passed unanimously with 18 votes in favor and none against.

G. Legal analysis on approval process for new satellite academies, presented by Marianne Bowers

- Marianne Bowers from the New Mexico Department of Justice, counsel to the Council, provided a legal overview of the process for establishing a satellite academy. Under the Law Enforcement Training Act, the Director of the Law Enforcement Academy evaluates whether a proposed satellite academy meets all accreditation criteria and presents it to the council for review and final approval. The Council considers the Director's recommendations, determines the need for additional satellite academies, and ensures training standards are consistent statewide.

H. Request to start a Satellite Academy at UNM Gallup follow-up

- This item was tabled until the June meeting. Acting Director Sylvia Serna notes that the Law Enforcement Academy has already conducted an analysis and review, identified requirements and items to address. Member Lt. Veronica Seanz raised a question regarding the satellite academy renewal, notice that State Police Academy renewal is approaching expiration. It was clarified by Deputy Director of Operation Jessica Arballo that all satellite academies are set to expire soon and are automatically renewed on the existing cycle. Deputy Director Arballo confirmed that this topic will be addressed in an upcoming meeting with all academy directors to ensure all academies remain active and do not lapse. New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy staff will verify renewal dates.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council shall receive public comment from those attending in person or virtually. The time afforded each person wishing to speak is limited to three (3) minutes. Members may ask questions for clarification but may not engage in substantive discussion or take formal action unless noticed in the meeting agenda. Comments will be taken under advisement and may be placed on the agenda of a future public meeting for discussion or action at the discretion of the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

- A. Next Meetings scheduled for 2026 (will likely be adding meetings before June for public comment on NMAC)
 - 1) June 10, 2026
 - 2) September 9, 2026
 - 3) December 9, 2026
- B. 2026 New Mexico Law Enforcement Memorial Friday, May 22, 2026, at 11:00am
- C. Adjourn
 - A motion to adjourn was made by Acting Director Sylvia Serna at 9:48 and seconded by Member Richard Matthews. The motion passed unanimously with 18 votes in favor and none against.