



LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION BOARD

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JUNE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, June 11, 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: NMLEA

4491 Cerrillos Rd., Santa Fe, N.M. 87507

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85848260559?pwd=y mk2xa5tEvZh8U2rOEG5f7o7LCZDPT.1>

Meeting ID: 858 4826 0559 Passcode: 745027

The Law Enforcement Certification Board ("Board") reserves the right to enter closed session during the meeting pursuant to an appropriate exception under NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H). Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(I), the closure shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board; the motion shall state with reasonable specificity the authority under which a closed discussion is permitted; and the vote shall be taken by roll call. Any closed session is limited to discussing the matter(s) identified in the motion, and any final action shall be taken on the record upon returning to open session.

I. Call to Order: The Special Meeting of the Law Enforcement Certification Board (LECB) was called to order by the Vice Chair at 9:04 a.m.

A. Roll call- Board Members Present:

1. Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson- Present via Zoom
2. Chief Thomas Romero- Present in-person
3. Joseph Walsh- Present via Zoom
4. Cody Rogers- Present via Zoom
5. Julie Ball- Present in-person
6. Dr. Bobbie Green- Present via Zoom
7. Dawn Meyer- Present in-person

Board Counsel- Marianne Bowers Present in-person

Board Members not present: Chief Toadlena-Pablo, Chief Summer Mirabal.

Ms. Carly Huffman was not present at the Call to Order; she arrived at 9:52 a.m. for the closed session



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B. Approval of agenda

Board Member Dr. Bobbie Green made a motion to approve the June 11, 2026, agenda. Board Member Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson was second. Vice-Chair Cody Rogers asked all members in favor and those against. The motion passed with 7 votes in favor and none against.

C. Approval of minutes from May 14, 2026, Meeting

Board Member Joseph Walsh made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 14, 2026. Board Member Chief Thomas Romero (Ret.) seconded. Vice-Chair Cody Rogers asked all members in favor and those against. The motion passed with 7 votes in favor and none against.

Public Comment

The Board 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 may be taken under advisement and placed on a future agenda for discussion and/or action at the discretion of the Board.

No one signed up for Public Comment; therefore, no public comment was heard.

II. Reports, Discussion, and Action Items:

A. Rule-Making Working Groups

- a. Misconduct Rules Working Group – Vice Chair Cody Rogers
- b. Certification Qualifications and Issuance Rules Working Group – Member Julie Ball
- c. Consideration and possible action to initiate rulemaking for Title 10, Chapter 29, Part 1, and Title 10, Chapter 28, Part 8.

Vice-Chair Cody Rogers reported that, as discussed at the previous meeting, the intent was to review the proposed rule amendments, address comments and concerns raised by Board members, and prepare the rules for possible initiation of the rulemaking process at the current meeting.

However, due to professional obligations and time constraints, the review was not completed. Vice-Chair Rogers accepted responsibility for the delay and stated that the work remains a priority. She indicated that she expects to complete the review within the next week and plans to present the proposed revisions at the next Board meeting.



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Board Member Julie Ball reported that she is also continuing work on the rule revisions and has received additional comments from Chief Thomas Romero (Ret.).

She stated that further collaboration among the working group members may be necessary to finalize the draft rules. Vice-Chair Rogers noted that a full working group meeting may not be required and that the draft revisions will be circulated to all Board members for review before the next meeting.

The rulemaking working groups will continue to review and refine the proposed rules for consideration at a future meeting.

B. Report from Vice Chair

- No report from Vice Chair.

C. Financial Report- by LECB Staff

- No questions from the Board Members

D. Report on current staffing/recruiting efforts.

Mr. Ramirez-Arechiga provided an update regarding current staffing and recruitment efforts. He reported that recruitment for several positions, including Business Operations, Attorney, and Chief Executive Officer, is ongoing through the RFP process.

Mr. Ramirez-Arechiga also advised the Board that two new employees have been hired and are scheduled to begin employment on June 22, 2026: a Data Analyst and a Law Clerk. Background information regarding both employees was previously provided to Board members via email.

Additionally, Mr. Ramirez-Arechiga reported that candidates have been selected for several vacant positions, including Senior Compliance Officer, Compliance Officer, Misconduct Staff Manager, and Senior Business Operations Specialist. He explained that the selections are currently progressing through the required state hiring process, including reference checks, completion of personnel paperwork, and Human Resources review and approval before formal offers and onboarding can be finalized.

In response to a question from Board Member Julie Ball, Mr. Ramirez-Arechiga confirmed that candidates have been selected for these positions and that the remaining steps involve completion of the administrative and Human Resources processes required by the state government.

Mr. Ramirez-Arechiga informed the Board that the Department will participate in a recruitment event on Saturday (June 13, 2026) to provide information on available positions.



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E. Ratification and Approval of Pending Certifications

a. Public Safety Telecommunicators (Exhibit B)

The Board considered the Agenda Item regarding the ratification and approval of pending Public Safety Telecommunicator certifications, listed in Exhibit B. It was noted that there was no Exhibit A for Law Enforcement Officers at this meeting due to the Board's transition to a monthly meeting schedule.

Board member Julie Ball inquired whether the applicants listed in Exhibit B had completed all requirements necessary for Public Safety Telecommunicator certifications and how compliance had been verified. Staff confirmed that all required verification had been completed and that the applicants met the applicable certification requirements.

Following the discussion, Board Member Joseph Walsh made a motion to approve the Public Safety Telecommunicator certifications listed in Exhibit A. The motion was seconded by Board Member Julie Ball.

F. Discussion of who is entitled to know that an LEA 90 has been submitted to a law enforcement officer and whether this information falls within the confidentiality provision of the Law Enforcement Training Act. NMSA 1978, § 29-7-4.3(K) (“Internal affairs and other investigation documents provided to or developed by the board for use in a certification case shall remain confidential.”)

Vice-Chair Cody Rogers initiated a discussion regarding the Board's interpretation of the confidentiality provisions contained in NMSA 1978, Section 29-7-4.3(K), specifically concerning whether Board staff may confirm or deny the existence of a pending LEA-90 when responding to inquiries from prospective employers, certification holders, members of the media, or the public.

Vice-Chair Cody Rogers noted that the Board has engaged in ongoing discussions regarding the scope of the confidentiality statute following legislative amendments concerning investigative documents provided to or developed by the Board during certification investigations. She stated that because the Board previously determined that officer names could be included on Board agendas, she believes the statute may also permit staff to confirm or deny the existence of a pending LEA-90, provided no investigative documents or details are disclosed.

Vice-Chair Cody Rogers explained that allowing confirmation of a pending LEA-90 would assist prospective employers in making informed hiring decisions and support the Board's public safety mission while maintaining the confidentiality of investigative materials.

Board Member Chief Thomas Romero (Ret.) agreed with this interpretation and stated that restricting access to such information may hinder law enforcement agencies' ability



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to conduct effective background investigations. He noted that the LEA-90 serves as a notification of potential misconduct and is distinct from the investigative materials protected under the confidentiality statute. Board Member Chief Thomas Romero (Ret.) stated that agencies should be able to determine whether an LEA-90 has been filed and then conduct their own due diligence through the hiring process.

Vice-Chair, Cody Rogers further stated that, in her view, staff should be permitted to respond to inquiries by simply confirming or denying the existence of a pending LEA-90 and providing no additional information regarding allegations, evidence, investigative reports, or case materials.

Board Member Chief Thomas Romero (Ret.) sought clarification regarding whether this approach would apply only to law enforcement agencies or to all inquiries. Vice-Chair Cody Rogers responded that she believed the practice should apply uniformly to all inquiries, including those from certification holders, media representatives, and members of the public. She noted that certification holders themselves may wish to verify whether a pending LEA-90 exists and that applying the same standard to all requestors would provide consistency.

The Board discussed the matter and generally expressed support for allowing staff to confirm or deny the existence of a pending LEA-90 while continuing to treat all investigative documents, reports, evidence, and related materials as confidential pursuant to Section 29-7-4.3(K).

Through Board discussion and consensus, staff were directed that, when responding to inquiries, they may confirm or deny the existence of a pending LEA-90. Staff shall not disclose any investigative documents, allegations, evidence, reports, or other confidential information associated with the matter. This guidance applies consistently to inquiries from law enforcement agencies, certification holders, media representatives, and members of the public.

Board Staff Direction Correction: After going into Open Session at Vice-Chair Cody Rogers clarified the Board's earlier discussion regarding responses to inquiries about an individual's certification status when a pending LEA-90 or certification matter is in progress.

Vice-Chair Cody Rogers stated that when responding to inquiries about a specific certification holder, Board staff should indicate that a **"certification is under review"** if a pending LEA-90 or certification matter is before the Board. If no pending LEA-90 or certification matter exists, staff should indicate that the **"certification is not under review"**.

Vice-Chair Cody Rogers further stated that the Board directs staff to notify certification holders when their certification becomes subject to review. She noted that the Board has previously encountered situations in which individuals reported being unaware that a



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matter had been submitted to the Board or that their certification was under review. The notification process is intended to eliminate that information gap and ensure certification holders are aware when a review has been initiated.

The Board discussed the clarification and agreed that this approach would provide consistent responses to inquiries while also ensuring affected certification holders receive notice that their certification is under review.

Direction was provided to staff to respond to certification status inquiries for Law Enforcement Officers and Public Safety Telecommunicators by indicating whether a certification is "under review" or "not under review." Staff shall also notify certification holders of Law Enforcement Officers and Public Safety Telecommunicators when their certification becomes subject to Board review.

- G. Discussion** and possible action to designate an Acting CEO. 29-7-4-3 (G) “The board shall appoint a chief executive officer to assist the board in carrying out its Functions. The chief executive officer shall employ persons as necessary to assist the board in carrying out its functions.”

Vice-Chair Cody Rogers raised the question of whether the Board should consider designating an Acting or Interim Chief Executive Officer while the recruitment process for a permanent CEO continues. Board Member Chief Thomas Romero (Ret.) inquired whether such a designation would be limited to existing staff or could include an individual from outside the organization.

At the request of Board Member Julie Ball, Deputy Cabinet Secretary Sylvia Serna provided guidance regarding the administrative process. Deputy Cabinet Secretary Serna advised that an interim designation could be made directly by the Board and would only require administrative processing through the State Personnel Office and the SHARE system. She stated that the designation could be made effective immediately and would not require approval from the Department of Public Safety, the Cabinet Secretary, or the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy.

Deputy Cabinet Secretary Serna further explained that any individual designated as Acting or Interim CEO must meet the minimum qualifications established for the CEO position. She noted that there is no formal administrative vetting process for the Board's selection of an interim designee and that such a decision would be within the Board's discretion.

The Board discussed whether it would be appropriate to appoint an Interim CEO while an active Request for Proposal (RFP) process remains underway. Deputy Cabinet Secretary Serna advised that the current CEO recruitment process should be allowed to proceed to completion before considering alternative recruitment methods. Vice-Chair Rogers agreed that it may be prudent to wait until the RFP process concludes before revisiting the issue.



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Deputy Cabinet Secretary Serna explained that the CEO position is currently being recruited through an RFP process that seeks a contractor rather than a permanent state employee. She stated that the contractor model was adopted after previous recruitment efforts were unsuccessful and was intended to broaden the pool of qualified candidates, including retirees who may be unwilling to return to state employment. She further advised that the qualifications originally approved by the Board were incorporated into the RFP without modification and that Board representatives are participating in the evaluation process.

Deputy Cabinet Secretary Serna stated that the qualifications originally approved by the Board for the CEO position were incorporated into the current RFP without modification. She further advised that Board representatives are participating in the evaluation process, including Operations Manager Ivan Ramirez-Arechiga and two Board members serving on the RFP evaluation panel.

Board Member Dr. Bobbie Green requested clarification regarding the RFP process, and Deputy Cabinet Secretary Serna explained that an RFP, or Request for Proposal, is a competitive procurement process used to solicit and evaluate qualified candidates or contractors in accordance with state procurement requirements.

Board Member Chief Thomas Romero (Ret.) expressed concerns regarding the use of the RFP process, candidate vetting procedures, and the distinction between hiring a contractor versus an employee. He requested that Board members receive a copy of the RFP and emphasized the importance of conducting thorough due diligence, including reviewing candidates' qualifications and backgrounds before making a final selection. He also questioned whether the Board may wish to seek legislative clarification regarding the intended structure of the CEO position.

Deputy Cabinet Secretary Serna clarified that the governing statute authorizes the hiring of a CEO but does not specifically designate the position as a gubernatorial appointment. Vice-Chair Rogers noted that the position may be treated similarly to a governor-exempt position within the State Personnel framework because it serves the Board at the pleasure of the Board. No action was taken by the Board.

H. Discussion and possible action of the appropriate entity to grant extensions in administrative proceedings and whether this authority can be delegated under 10.29.1.13(O) NMAC (Extensions of time requirements set forth in these rules shall be granted in the discretion of the hearing officer or the board.). Possible action to delegate the authority to grant extensions and to designate the appropriate individual to exercise that authority.

Board Counsel Marianne Bowers discussed an inconsistency between the current administrative rules and the statutory changes enacted in 2023, when the former Law



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Enforcement Academy Board was divided, and the Law Enforcement Certification Board (LECB) was established as a separate entity.

Board Counsel Marianne Bowers explained that 10.29.1.13 NMAC still references the Director of the Law Enforcement Academy as having authority to grant extensions of certain procedural deadlines related to disciplinary proceedings. However, under the current statutory framework, the Law Enforcement Academy no longer has authority over certification discipline matters. Board Counsel Marianne Bowers advised that the Board has been relying on language within the rule authorizing extensions at the discretion of the hearing officer or the Board.

Vice-Chair Cody Rogers reported that, based on counsel's advice, she has been reviewing and approving extension requests submitted by administrative prosecutors pending adoption of revised rules that align with current statutes. Vice-Chair Cody Rogers stated that these requests are generally for additional time to review investigative materials and prepare Notices of Contemplated Action (NCAs).

Board members asked whether such extensions could raise statute-of-limitations concerns or be viewed as delay tactics. Board Counsel Marianne Bowers explained that the extensions being discussed occur prior to the issuance of an NCA and therefore do not affect the deadlines that begin once an NCA is served upon a respondent. Board Counsel Marianne Bowers further clarified that these requests were made by administrative prosecutors, not by respondents.

Board Counsel Marianne Bowers explained that after a case is referred for discipline, administrative prosecutors review the investigative file, assess the available evidence, consult with potential witnesses, and determine whether sufficient grounds exist to proceed with disciplinary action. If appropriate, a draft NCA is prepared and submitted for approval before being issued to the respondent.

Board members also discussed respondent requests for extensions. Board Counsel Marianne Bowers advised that such requests are generally addressed by the hearing officer once the hearing officer has been appointed. In unusual circumstances, the matter may be brought before the Board for consideration.

Vice-Chair Cody Rogers noted that the administrative prosecutors have recently received a significant number of disciplinary referrals and that some cases involve extensive reports, recordings, and other materials requiring substantial review. As a result, occasional requests for additional time have been submitted to ensure adequate review and preparation of NCAs.



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III. Disciplinary and/or Litigation matters (may go into closed session):

Following completion of the administrative update, Vice-Chair Cody Rogers moved to enter closed session to discuss the next section of the agenda, consisting of disciplinary and/or litigation matters, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

The motion specifically cited:

- NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(1)
- NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7)

At 9:52 a.m., the Board entered closed session to discuss the matters identified in the motion for closure.

A roll call vote was conducted on the motion to enter closed session.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Carly Huffman	Yes
Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson	Yes
Chief Thomas Romero (Ret.)	Yes
Joseph Walsh	Yes
Cody Rogers	Yes
Julie Ball	Yes
Dr. Bobbie Green	Yes
Dawn Meyer	Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reconvened in open session at 4:36 p.m. The Chair stated for the record that the matters discussed during closed session were limited to those identified in the motion for closure and that no votes or official actions were taken while in closed session.

A. Default actions:

- 24-009 Corey Saffell

Motion: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers motioned to issue a Default Order.

Second: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson seconded both motions.

Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.

Board Action: The Board voted to issue a Default Order.



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- 24-010 César Mendoza
Motion: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers motioned to issue a Default Order.
Second: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson seconded both motions.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted to issue a Default Order
- 24-011 Robert Embly
Motion: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers motioned to issue a Default Order.
Second: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson seconded both motions.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted to issue a Default Order

B. Declinations:

- 23-005 Kevin Keiner
- 24-076 Damion Ibarra
Motion: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers motions to dismiss LEA90.
Second: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson seconded both motions.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted to dismiss LEA90.
- 24-119 Cody Lattin
- 25-001 Benjamin Jemmett

C. Possible Action on Certification

- 24-002 Vanessa Santillanes
Motion: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers motion to rescind the March 2026 referral Notice of Contemplated Action (NCA) grant extension for the NCA referral submitted in 2025 pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson seconded both motions.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted to rescind the March 2026 referral Notice of Contemplated Action (NCA) grant extension for the NCA referral submitted in 2025
- 25-028 Truitt Bushnell
Motion: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers motion to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for 3-year suspension of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted for a 3-year suspension of certification.



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- 25-032 Rachel G. Hall
Motion: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers motion to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a 3-year suspension of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted for a 3-year suspension of certification.
- 25-035 Omar Lopez
Motion: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers motion to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a 2-year suspension of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted for a 2-year suspension of certification.
- 25-036 Gina Styring
Motion: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers motion to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a 1-year suspension of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted for a 1-year suspension of certification.
- 22-037 Nicholas Schmidt
Motion: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers motioned to rescind the Temporary Suspension issued on 9/29/2022 and motion to refer the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for Revocation of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson seconded both motions.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted to rescind the previously issued Temporary Suspension and to issue a Notice of Contemplated Action for Revocation.
- 23-054 Brandon West
Motion: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers motion to dismiss the LEA90.
Second: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted to dismiss the matter.



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- 23-067 Ryan Olguin
- 24-008 Michael Borreco
Motion: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers motion to dismiss the LEA90.
Second: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted to dismiss the matter.
- 25-002 Luis Murga
Motion: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers motion to dismiss the LEA90.
Second: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted to dismiss the matter.
- 25-070 Johnathan Franco
Motion: Board Member Dr. Bobbi Green motion to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a 2-year suspension of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Chief Thomas Romero (Ret.) seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted for a 2-year suspension of certification.
- 25-081 Lawrence Safley
Motion: Board Member Dr. Bobbi Green motion to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a Revocation of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Chief Thomas Romero (Ret.) seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted to issue a Notice of Contemplated Action (NCA) for Revocation.
- 26-032 Jesus Cortez
Motion: Board Member Dr. Bobbi Green makes a motion to dismiss LEA90.
Second: Chief Thomas Romero (Ret.) seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted to dismiss the matter.
- 25-082 Krystal Garcia
Motion: Board Member Julie Ball motioned to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for the possible issuance of a Notice of Contemplated Action for a Revocation of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Board Member Dawn Meyers seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted to issue a Notice of Contemplated Action (NCA) for Revocation.



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- 25-083 John Hierbet
Motion: Board Member Julie Ball motioned to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a Revocation of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Board Member Dawn Meyers seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted to issue a Notice of Contemplated Action (NCA) for Revocation.
- 25-084 John Fray
Motion: Board Member Julie Ball motioned to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a Revocation of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Board Member Dawn Meyers seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted to issue a Notice of Contemplated Action (NCA) for Revocation.
- 25-087 Veronica Sienes
Motion: Board Member Julie Ball motioned to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for an 18-month suspension of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Board Member Dawn Meyers seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted for an 18-month suspension of certification.
- 25-126 Julio Navar
Motion: Board Member Julie Ball motioned to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a 3-year suspension of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Board Member Dawn Meyers seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted for a 3-year suspension of certification.
- 25-127 Hugo Diaz Amaya
Motion: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson motioned to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a 3-year suspension of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted for a 3-year suspension of certification.
- 25-129 Santiago Pacheco



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- 25-131 Xavier Sandoval
Motion: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson motioned to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a 3-year suspension of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted for a 3-year suspension of certification.
- 25-135 Jack Casias
Motion: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson motioned to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a 6-month suspension of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted for a 6-month suspension of certification.
- 25-136 Manuel Villanueva
Motion: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson motioned to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a 30-day suspension of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted for a 30-day suspension of certification.
- 25-139 Kevin Saiz
Motion: Board Member Carly Huffman motioned to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for an 18-month suspension of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Chief Thomas Romero (Ret.) seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted for an 18-month suspension of certification.
- 25-140 Andres Chacon
Motion: Board Member Carly Huffman motioned to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a 6-month suspension of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Chief Thomas Romero (Ret.) seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted for a 6-month suspension of certification.
- 25-141 Ashley Herrera
Motion: Board Member Carly Huffman motioned to dismiss due to the evidence being unavailable or insufficient to proceed due to insufficient documentation from the reporting agency pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.



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Second: Chief Thomas Romero (Ret.) seconded the motion.

Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.

Board Action: The Board voted to dismiss the matter.

- 25-143 Simranjit Khurana

Motion: Board Member Carly Huffman motioned to consolidate the matter with Case # 25-144 and motioned to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a 2-year suspension of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.

Second: Chief Thomas Romero (Ret.) seconded the motion.

Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 7-0.

Board Action: The Board voted for a 2-year suspension of certification.

Recusal: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson recused himself from the matter and did not participate in the discussion or vote.

- 25-144 Simranjit Khurana

Motion: Board Member Carly Huffman motioned to consolidate the matter with Case # 25-143 and motioned to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a 2-year suspension of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.

Second: Chief Thomas Romero (Ret.) seconded the motion.

Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 7-0.

Board Action: The Board voted for a 2-year suspension of certification.

Recusal: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson recused himself from the matter and did not participate in the discussion or vote.

- 25-146 Michael Garcia

Motion: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers motion to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a 1-year suspension of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.

Second: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson seconded the motion.

Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.

Board Action: The Board voted for a 1-year suspension of certification.

- 25-147 Nicholas De La Cruz

Motion: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers motion to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a 1-year suspension of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.

Second: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson seconded the motion.

Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.

Board Action: The Board voted for a 1-year suspension of certification.



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- 25-148 Humza Cruz
Motion: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers motion to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a 1-year suspension of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Sheriff Matthew Hutchinson seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted for a 1-year suspension of certification.
- 26-001 Xavier Lee Smith
Motion: Vice-Chair Cody Rogers motioned to direct Board staff to issue a subpoena to the Rio Rancho Police Department to produce investigative materials related to the matter under review.
- 25-123 Timothy Orum
Motion: Chief Thomas Romero (Ret.) motion to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a 2-year suspension of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Board Member Dawn Meyers seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.
Board Action: The Board voted for a 2-year suspension of certification.
- 26-004 Allan Ramirez
Motion: Chief Thomas Romero (Ret.) motion to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a Revocation of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Board Member Dawn Meyers seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously on an 8-0 vote.
Board Action: The Board voted to issue a Notice of Contemplated Action (NCA) for Revocation.
- 26-006 Anthony Jaramillo
Motion: Board Member Carly Huffman motion to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a Revocation of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.
Second: Board Member Dawn Meyers seconded the motion.
Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 7-0.
Board Action: The Board voted to issue a Notice of Contemplated Action (NCA) for Revocation.
Abstained: Chief Thomas Romero (Ret.) Abstained from the case.



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- 26-008 Anthony Chavez

Motion: Chief Thomas Romero (Ret.) motion to refer to the New Mexico Department of Justice for possible issuance of Notice of Contemplated Action for a 2-year suspension of certification, pursuant to the Board's Statutory Authority.

Second: Board Member Dawn Meyers seconded the motion.

Vote: The motions passed unanimously, 8-0.

Board Action: The Board voted for a 2-year suspension of certification.

D. Litigation Matters:

- D-202-CV-2025-08836 – Bonet v. LECB
- D-101-CV-2026-00135 – Rael v. LECB
- D-101-CV-2022-02087 – Rodriguez v. LEAB
- D-101-CV-2024-02924 – Lunsford v. LECB
- D-101-CV-2026-00574 – Yeager v. LECB
- Calder v. LECB

IV. Adjournment

- I. Adjourn: There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.