



# NEW MEXICO LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL



## MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday June 10, 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM

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

### Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87442798837>

Meeting ID 874 4279 8837 Passcode 499375

## CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:11 am.

- Sylvia Serna- present in person
- Lt. Veronica Saenz – Present in-person
- Cmdr. Joseph Viers – Present in-person
- Lt. John Barriclow – Absent
- Dir. Anthony Maez – Present in-person
- Cpt. Jason Gleason – Absent
- Lt. Tate McBride – Absent
- Sgt. Jonathan Jensen – Present in-person
- Dir. Dennis Kelly – Present in-person
- Dir. Gilbert Najar – Present in-person
- DA Sam Bregman – Absent
- Teresa Beaty – Present in-person
- Gudalupe Tarango – Present in-person
- Nicole Brown – present in-person
- Richard Matthews – Present in-person
- Joana Wells – Present via Zoom
- Sheriff Dennis Garcia – Present in-person
- Chief Jack Jones- Absent
- Chief Greg Concho- Absent

- Sara Millspaugh – Present in-person
- B. Moment of Silence for Sergeant Joseph Apodaca (Taos County Sheriff's Office)
- C. Approval of Agenda
- Member Nicole Brown made a motion to approve the agenda. Member Richard Matthews seconds. No votes against. Motion passes.
- D. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2026, Meeting
- Member Cmdr. Joseph Viers made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 11, 2026. Member Dir. Anthony Meaz seconds. No votes against. Motion passes.

## REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND ACTION ITEMS

### A. Director's Reports

- Albuquerque Police Department Academy: The 135<sup>th</sup> cadet class is currently underway and about halfway complete with 11 cadets enrolled. Staff are focused on biennium cycle training, and Class 136 is tentatively scheduled to begin in August with the anticipated 20-25 cadets.
- Central New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy: CNM graduated a class of 28 cadets approximately three weeks ago and is currently working on biennium training offerings. CNM Academy will also be offering rifle and taser training in future law enforcement classes. The next class is scheduled for August, with 8 students currently enrolled.
- New Mexico State Police Academy: Class 107, consisting of 12 recruits, is scheduled to graduate next week. Class 108 is set to begin on August 2, 2026, with 47 applicants currently in the selection process.
- San Juan County Criminal Justice Training Authority: The Academy currently has 18 cadets who will take the LEOCE tomorrow and graduate Friday. The next academy class is scheduled to begin in July.
- Southeastern New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy: Class 55 graduated May 22<sup>nd</sup> with 22 graduated, after starting with 36 cadets. The next class is scheduled to begin in August.
- Western New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy: The current academy class is scheduled to graduate next Friday, concluding trainings activities for the year. The next academy class will begin in January.
- New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy: The LEA successfully hosted its second annual Human Trafficking Conference and Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony this spring. The Academy recently graduated BPOT 211 with 38 graduates representing 18 agencies and PST 171 with 22 graduates. The LEA is also conducting a review of its fee schedule, continuing recruitment and staffing efforts, and preparing future advanced training opportunities.

### B. New Academy Curriculum Update

1) Topics received so far

- Rhonda Pierce a Training and Development Specialist with New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy provided an update on the curriculum rewrite project. The working group completed reviews of the Persons Crimes, Property Crimes, Crimes Against Public Peace, and Controlled Substances modules. The group is continuing work on the Sex Crimes module and has begun planning for the Use of Force and Defensive Tactics modules. 14 of 40 curriculum modules have been completed.

2) Review and feedback process

- IDALEST continues to provide lesson plans ahead of schedule, allowing subject matter experts additional time for review. Council members discussed the importance of providing feedback early in the process and noted funding needs to ensure the project remains on schedule through completion.

C. Rules (NMAC) Rewrite Update

- An update was provided on the NMAC rewrite project. Draft rules are currently being reviewed for formatting and posting requirements with State Records and Archives. Once posted, the rules will undergo the required public review period before a public hearing is scheduled. Final action on the rules will occur at a future Council meeting following the public hearing.

D. Presentation of Ratified Certifications for CBW classes #123.

1) Exhibit A

- Acting Director Sylvia Serna made a motion to ratify certification for CBW #123. Member Guadalupe Tarango seconded. No votes against. Motion passes.

E. Request to start a curriculum committee for the PST curriculum – Nicole Brown

- Member Nicole Brown requested approval to begin a PST curriculum working group to review and update the current curriculum. Discussion focused on changes in technology, training needs, and potential future funding opportunities. The Council supported moving forward with a working group and encouraged interested members to participate.

F. Selection of Chairman – Action Item

- Chair Sgt. Jonathan Jensen announced he would be leaving the council due to being reassigned to patrol. Chair Sgt. Jonathan Jensen nominated Member Richard Matthews to serve as Chairman. Member Guadalupe Tarango second. No notes against. Motion passes.

## **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.*

- Senator Antoinio Moe Maestas

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

### **A. Next Meetings scheduled for 2026**

1) September 9, 2026

2) December 9, 2026

### **B. Adjourn**

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:49 am

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