



Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chair Taylor called the Board Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 22, 2026, at the AMAFCA office in Albuquerque, NM.

Directors present: Vice Chair Elizabeth Newlin Taylor – at the AMAFCA building
Director Ronald R. Bohannon – at the AMAFCA building
Director Tim Eichenberg – at the AMAFCA building
Director Bruce M. Thomson – at the AMAFCA building
Director Orlando G. Martinez, Jr. – at the AMAFCA building –
Arrived at 9:02 a.m.

Directors excused: None

Attorney present: Mailene Ramos, Robles, Rael & Anaya – at the AMAFCA Building

Others present via Zoom Kevin Troutman, Executive Director
and / or in person: Staff
Other attendees on file at AMAFCA

A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Director Thomson made a motion to approve the Agenda. Director Bohannon seconded the motion, which passed (4-0).

3. Meetings Scheduled

- a. February 26, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**
- b. March 26, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**
- c. April 23, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**
- d. May 28, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**

There were no changes to the dates.

4. Election of Officers

a. Chair

Director Thomson nominated Director Taylor to serve as Chair. Director Bohannon seconded the motion. Director Eichenberg made a motion to close the nomination and accept Director Taylor as Chair. Director Bohannon seconded. The Board approved (3-0). Director Taylor abstained.

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Director Martinez arrived at 9:02 a.m.

b. Vice Chair

Director Bohannon nominated Director Thomson to serve as Vice Chair. Director Eichenberg seconded the motion. Director Eichenberg made a motion to close the nomination and accept Director Thomson to serve as Vice Chair. Director Bohannon seconded. The Board approved (4-0). Director Thomson abstained.

c. Secretary-Treasurer

Director Eichenberg nominated Director Martinez to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Director Thomson seconded the motion. Director Thomson made a motion to close the nomination and accept Director Martinez to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Director Bohannon seconded. The Board approved (4-0). Director Martinez abstained.

d. Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Director Thomson nominated Director Eichenberg to serve as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. Director Martinez seconded the motion. The Board approved (4-0). Director Eichenberg abstained.

The 2026 Board Officers are:

Elizabeth Newlin Taylor, Chair
Bruce M. Thomson, Vice Chair
Orlando G. Martinez, Jr. Secretary-Treasurer
Tim Eichenberg, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

The meeting was turned over to Chair Taylor.

5. Items from the Floor / Public Comments

No items from the floor or public comments were received.

6. Approval of Resolution 2026-01, Open Meetings Standards

Mr. Kevin Troutman, AMAFCA Executive Director, summarized information provided in the memo. There was a brief discussion regarding the December meeting. Chair Taylor would not be present for the December 10, 2026, meeting. The Board changed the December meeting to December 17, 2026. Mr. Troutman advised that the meetings on the current agenda had items that impact procurement. Dates may be moved at the pleasure of the Board.

Director Thomson made a motion that the Board approve and adopt Resolution 2026-01, Open Meeting Standards, as amended, and authorize the Chair and Secretary-Treasurer to execute the same on behalf of AMAFCA. Director Bohannon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0) on a roll call vote.

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7. Approval of Minutes

a. December 11, 2025

Director Eichenberg made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 11, 2025. Director Thomson seconded the motion, which passed (5-0).

b. January 2, 2026

Director Thomson made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 2, 2026. Director Bohannon seconded the motion, which passed (5-0).

8. Executive Director's Report

a. Notification of Past Month's Activities

Mr. Kevin Troutman, AMAFCA Executive Director, recapped significant activities from the previous and current month and answered questions from the Board.

AMAFCA Staffing: AMAFCA conducted interviews for the vacant Maintenance Worker/Operator positions. AMAFCA will be hosting a field testing for the top-rated candidates to confirm they have the knowledge required in order to operate the fleet equipment. Ms. Jessica Regensberg resigned from her position as GIS/IT Manager.

AMAFCA Leadership Training: Mr. Troutman and the Department Directors completed the six-month leadership training program earlier this month. The training provided several valuable lessons and strategies to support AMAFCA's continued progress. Mr. Troutman advised he observed significant growth among the Department Directors throughout the process. As part of the contract, Mr. Troutman is continuing to receive individual coaching through March.

Guac-Amole Dam: AMAFCA received several proposals for the Guac-Amole Dam project. The Selection Advisory committee (sac) convened. Two proposals, ranked at the top, received identical scores. In accordance with the procurement code, the SAC will proceed with interviews for both of the highest-ranked proposals. The recommended contract will be presented to the Board at the February meeting.

2026 Legislative Session: Mr. Troutman met with AMAFCA's lobbyists, Alarid Consulting, in advance of the 2026 legislative session. In coordination with AMAFCA's lobbyists, AMAFCA is exploring the potential to work with the State Land Office on the Upper Boca Negra Dam and to gauge the State Engineer's interest in amending the 96-hour rule for government-owned flood control structures, similar to revisions adopted in Colorado in 2015. Responding to a question from the Board regarding a Summary of the Colorado 96-hour rule, Mr. Troutman advised there is a Mile High Flood Control Fact Sheet that would be passed on. Responding to a question regarding items being tracked at the Legislative Session, Mr. Troutman advised nothing has really dropped at this time but there might be a possibility of a Veterans' Tax Exemption. Items having to do with taxes are being watched. Last year there was an update to the Procurement Code, which did not pass. Anything associated with the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) is being

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watched. AMAFCA is not for or against anything at this time. It was noted that the Legislative session will wrap up prior to the next Board meeting and Board members were encouraged to get with Mr. Troutman should anything come up regarding the session that needs immediate attention.

b. Notification of On-Call Services Task Orders

Mr. Kevin Troutman, AMAFCA Executive Director, referred the Board to the memo for task orders issued over the last month. There were no questions.

9. AMAFCA Naming and Memorial Policy

a. Review of Draft AMAFCA Naming and Memorial Policy

Mr. Kevin Troutman, AMAFCA Executive Director, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board.

10. Legislative Liaison

a. Briefing on the 2026 New Mexico Legislative Session

Ms. Skye Devore, working with Alarid Consulting, was present via Zoom. Part of the presentation included there are 13 pieces of legislation that are being tracked; none of the items have been in the Governor's message or have gone on to a committee; a one sheet handout regarding AMAFCA Capital Outlay was made to provide to Legislators; a portal was developed so that Mr. Troutman can view and submit comments in real time; the Legislative Session has a Rocket Docket system in place to expedite the process, aiming for a swift resolution to prioritize Bills that the Governor and Legislators have an agreement upon for a swift resolution to have those Bills out of the Senate by the upcoming Monday; there are no Bills impacting AMAFCA at this time; many Bills are healthcare related; and the Office of the State Engineer Budget did not get an appropriation in the Legislative version this year.

Responding to a question on Property Tax Exempt Bills (53 & 103 estimated - one extends extensions and one freezes), Ms. Devore advised the Bills are being watched but have not been in the Governor's message or gone on to a committee. If anything comes up on those Bills, Mr. Troutman will be contacted to figure out how to move forward. Responding to a question regarding the cleanup and / or changes to Senate Bill 21, from 2025, which provides the framework for surface water discharge regulation for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) primacy, Ms. Devore advised there has not been anything at this time, but she will have a discussion with Senator Peter Wirth. Ms. Devore asked for an email on the specifics in order to familiarize herself with the situation and have a conversation starter with Senator Wirth. The current rule does not follow what was noted in committee meetings last year by Senator Wirth. Senator Wirth had said he thought the State would be picking up some of the costs; however, the current rule states 100 percent of the costs would be paid by the permittees.

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11. Legal

a. Status Report

Attorney Mailene Ramos summarized information provided in the memo. Attorney Ramos and Mr. Jared Romero, AMAFCA Development Review Engineer, answered questions from the Board.

12. Financial Matters

a. Financial Matters – Acceptance of Financial Information

Ms. Laurel Johnson, AMAFCA Accounting Manager, summarized information provided in the memo. Ms. Johnson handed out a revised document for the Property Tax portion of the presentation. She advised that the slides would vary from the Financial Matters memo due to recapping two months and the presentation should be in a smoother format. Responding to a question from the Board regarding a \$22,000.00 charge associated with collision repair, Ms. Paula Dodge-Kwan, AMAFCA Director of Operations & Maintenance, advised that the charge was from the theft of the transport and trailer. Mr. Troutman acknowledged the reimbursement from Insurance for the repair to the transport and trailer is still pending, minus the insurance deductible. Responding to a question from the Board regarding identifying projects throughout the year and how items are gauged, Mr. Troutman advised there is a signed Resolution in place and walked the Board through the various categories in the Resolution. He stressed that when an account is used a repayment plan is then required to be put into place.

Director Eichenberg made a motion that the Board accept the Financial Information. Director Martinez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).

b. Other Matters

Ms. Laurel Johnson, AMAFCA Accounting Manager, summarized information provided in the memo and walked the Board through upcoming tasks within the ConceptBoard system. There were no questions. Ms. Johnson took time to brief the Board on the Government Finance Officers Association Accounting Academy training that she recently attended and answered a question.

13. Board Per Diem Policy

a. Approval of Resolution 2026-02, Board Per Diem

Ms. Crystal Griego, AMAFCA Director of Administration, summarized information provided in the memo. Responding to questions from the Board, Attorney Ramos advised AMAFCA revised the Board Per Diem Policy to bring AMAFCA in line with State Statues.

Director Thomson made a motion that the Board approve and adopt Resolution 2026-02, Board Per Diem, and authorize the Chair and Secretary-Treasurer to execute the same on behalf of AMAFCA. Director Bohannon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0) on a roll call vote.

14. Planning and Engineering Update

a. FY 2027 Project Schedule – Project Update

Ms. Nicole Friedt, AMAFCA Director of Planning & Engineering, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board. Part of the presentation covered the background of the document; the listing of proposed projects that includes the lead agency, costs, partner agencies, and outside stakeholders. There was a brief discussion regarding the needs regarding the tough spot North Albuquerque Acres is in due to extensive changes to numerous properties that impact drainage and the need for Hydraulic Analysis and reestablishing a Drainage Management Plan; CoA funding for projects; what projects CoA is willing to commit to; what is CoA doing with their costs savings from Zuni-Penn; who in the Department of Municipal development is participating; and the timeline for finalizing and printing of the project schedule.

b. Agency and Area-Wide 2025 – Approval of Amendment Six to the Agreement for Construction Engineering Services

Ms. Nicole Friedt, AMAFCA Director of Planning & Engineering, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board. There was a brief discussion regarding the Board concern with a four-year agreement; there is no change in the scope; there are two remaining years on the agreement; and as a Certified Procurement Officer, Ms. Friedt is confident that the work and agreement fall within proper procurement guidelines. There is also an emergency amount allowed in the agreement which is nowhere near the amount planned.

Director Bohannon made a motion that the Board authorize the Executive Director to approve Amendment Six to the Agreement for Engineering Services for the Design and Construction Management of the Agency and Area-Wide 2025 Flood Control Rehabilitation Project. Director Thomson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

c. Lot 24, Block 15, Tract 2, Unit 1 North Albuquerque Acres Subdivision – Quitclaim of Drainage Easement

Mr. Jared Romero, AMAFCA Drainage Engineer, summarized information provided in the memo. There were no questions. The Board noted this is one issue why a Drainage Management Plan is needed.

Director Eichenberg made a motion that the Board approve the Quitclaim / Release of Drainage Easement (Richard Peter Schneider, Jr. & Shelly Jean Bethke). Director Bohannon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).

d. Construction Report

Ms. Nicole Friedt, AMAFCA Director of Planning & Engineering, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board. Ms. Friedt advised that the presentation was modified to include information that might have originally been covered under Field Highlights. The presentation included slides of the Agency and Area-Wide XII; Black Mesa

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Manholes Replacement; Area Wide Sediment Removal; Zuni-Pennsylvania Detention Pond; and the Swinburne Grade Control Structures projects. There was a brief discussion regarding an area owned by AMAFCA that CoA had classified as public open space. CoA will be asked to rezone the area so that the public will not be confused on what is AMAFCA's and what is real open space.

15. Facilities, Operations & Maintenance Update

a. AMAFCA Operations Update

Ms. Paula Dodge-Kwan, AMAFCA Director of Operations & Maintenance, summarized information provided in the memo. Ms. Dodge-Kwan and Messrs. Troutman and Patrick J. Chavez, AMAFCA Stormwater Quality Engineer, answered questions from the Board.

b. AMAFCA Field Highlights

Mr. Esqui Padilla, AMAFCA Operations Manager, provided a report on various projects / events and answered questions from the Board.

16. Executive Session (closed)

- a. Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights (§ 10-15-1(H)(8)) (m/o)
- b. Limited Personnel Matters (§ 10-15-1(H)(2))
- c. Threatened or Pending Litigation (§ 10-15-1(H)(7))

Chair Taylor advised Items **16.a. through 16.c.** were Closed Session agenda items. The meeting was at the AMAFCA office with all five Directors in attendance. Director Thomson made a motion that the meeting be closed, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, § 10-15-1 NMSA 1978, Subsection H, to preserve the confidentiality of the information to be discussed, and as further described in *"The Open Meetings Act, A Compliance Guide for New Mexico Public Officials and Citizens,"* ninth edition, 2024, to discuss Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights (§ 10-15-1(H)(8)), Limited Personnel Matters (§ 10-15-1(H)(2)), and Threatened or Pending Litigation (§ 10-15-1(H)(7)). Director Bohannon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0) on a roll call vote. Mr. Troutman asked that Meses. Bills, Griego, and Friedt remain.

Chair Taylor closed the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Chair Taylor asked for a motion to re-open the meeting at 1:25 p.m. Director Eichenberg made a motion that the meeting be re-opened. Director Martinez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0) on a roll call vote. Chair Taylor stated only those items allowed in closed session were discussed and no decisions were made.

17. AMAFCA Position and Organization Updates

- a. Approval to eliminate the GIS/IT Manager Position and Create the GIS Program Administrator and Office Administrator Positions

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Ms. Crystal Griego, AMAFCA Director of Administration, stood for any questions. The Board advised the motion would be changed and the GIS / IT Manager Position would be deferred for a later time. The Board further advised that the only item to be acted upon at this time would be the Position of Office Administrator, which would report directly to the Director of Administration.

Director Thomson made a motion that the Board authorize the creation of the Office Administrator Position. Director Eichenberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).

b. Approval of Modifications to the AMAFCA Organizational Structure

The Board advised this item would be deferred.

18. Appointment to Boards and Committees

Chair Taylor appointed the following to the MRCOG Executive and Board of Directors:

- a. MRCOG Executive Board:** Director Ronald R. Bohannan
Director Tim Eichenberg – alternate
- b. MRCOG Board of Directors:** Director Ronald R. Bohannan
Director Tim Eichenberg – alternate

The remaining MRCOG and AMAFCA Committees were deferred to the next Board meeting.

- c. Middle Rio Grande Water Resources Board**
- d. Metropolitan Transportation Board**
- e. Personnel and Salary Committee**
- f. Strategic Planning Committee**
- g. Financial Committee**
- h. Real Estate Committee**

19. Unfinished Business

None

20. New Business

None

21. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Taylor adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Orlando G. Martinez, Jr., Secretary – Treasurer, 2/26/2026

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