Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2026

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Taylor called the Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 28, 2026, at the AMAFCA office in Albuquerque, NM.

Directors present via Zoom and /or in person:	Chair Elizabeth Newlin Taylor – at the AMAFCA building Director Ronald R. Bohannan – at the AMAFCA building – left the meeting at 12:53 p.m. Director Tim Eichenberg – at the AMAFCA building Director Bruce M. Thomson – at the AMAFCA building Director Orlando G. Martinez, Jr. – via Zoom – left Zoom at 10:18 a.m.
Directors excused:	None
Attorney present:	Marcus J. Rael, Jr., Rael & Anaya – at the AMAFCA building – left the meeting at 12:50 p.m.
Others present via Zoom and / or in person:	David Stoliker, Interim Executive Engineer Staff Other attendees on file at AMAFCA

A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Chair Taylor asked that all agenda items under Item 11 for Planning and Engineering be moved to before Item 8.a. Financial Matters, in order for the Board to review the Financial Expenditures report received the same day. Director Bohannan asked that Item 6.c. Guac-Amole Dam Project – Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Engineering & Construction Management, be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved to the Regular Agenda.

Director Thomson made a motion to approve the Agenda, as amended. Director Bohannan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0) on a roll call vote.

3. Meetings Scheduled

- **a. June 25, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**
- **b. July 23, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**
- **c. August 27, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**
- **d. September 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**

Chair Taylor may be able to participate via Zoom for the June 25, 2026, Board meeting. Director Thomson will chair that meeting. Director Eichenberg will not be available for the August 27, 2026, Board meeting. There were no changes to the above dates.

4. Items from the Floor / Public Comments

Mr. Scott Verhines, member of the Executive Engineer Position Review Advisory Committee (AC), recapped what had been done in terms of the review of Executive Engineer job applicants and answered questions from the Board. Part of the presentation included: there were 28 applicants for the Executive Engineer position; the Executive Engineer job description and Indeed job posting were reviewed; an evaluation matrix was put into place; Education, Experience, Knowledge, and Abilities were all reviewed; four independent reviewers were involved which are the AC (.Messrs. Scott Verhines, Kevin Powers, Chuck Easterling, and Howard Stone); the list was brought down to 5 applicants to consider; with the help of Ms. Crystal Griego, AMAFCA Director of Administration, a list of questions was drafted and cleaned up; and the questions were provided to the Personnel and Salary Committee. The Board thanked Mr. Verhines and the AC for the time and effort they took to help in this endeavor.

Mr. Gerhard Schoener, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, with the University of New Mexico (UNM), was present to thank the Board for their support in the grant he applied for on Assessing the Performance of Green Stormwater Infrastructure: A Collaborative Pilot Project to Promote Healthy Watersheds through Science and Education. He answered questions from the Board and stressed he is hoping to build a relationship between UNM and AMAFCA.

A little later in the meeting, Mr. Justin Thor Simenson with Isaacson & Arfman, Inc., was present for general comments. Mr. Simenson read a letter (part of record) to the Board regarding working closely with AMAFCA staff on technical designs for the Prado Ridge Subdivision, within the Upper Petroglyphs area, and answered questions from the Board.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. April 23, 2026

Director Bohannan made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 23, 2026. Director Thomson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0) on a roll call vote.

b. May 15, 2026

This item was deferred with no discussion or motion.

6. Consent Agenda

Chair Taylor advised Agenda Items 6.a. and 6.b. were on the Consent Agenda, which was shared on the TV for all participants to view. Director Bohannan made a motion that the Board approve those items on the Consent Agenda. The motion approved the following:

- Bond Counsel Services – Second Extension of the Professional Services Agreement with Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.; and
- Corrales Main Canal & Piedras Marcadas Outlet Project – Professional Services Agreement for Engineering & Construction Management Services with HDR Engineering, Inc., substantially as attached.

Director Thomson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0) on a roll call vote.

Item 6.c. Guac-Amole Dam Project – Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Engineering & Construction Management

Director Thomson asked that this project be revisited. He noted it was brought to his attention two weeks prior at the New Mexico Watershed and Dam Owners Coalition conference, that Mr. Sushil Chaudhary, Bureau Chief at the Dam Safety Bureau, is receptive of a risk-based approach on projects.

There was a discussion regarding the chance of earthquakes, and the risk of an earthquake in the Albuquerque basin that would impact a Dam; staff were asked to reconsider the Hubbell Dam Project since it has many amenities to provide to the community, along with cost savings; staff should utilize an On-Call consultant to do a Risk Analysis of the project; look at soil investigations, Geotech, and topography, etc.; and to take a serious look at comparing both facilities to nail down the assumptions. The Board stressed concern with so many of the assumptions noted in the agreement and agreed that both projects might still be done and could go in parallel to each other after all the assumptions are taken care of.

Director Thomson made a motion that the Board defer action on the Guac-Amole Dam Project until the Risk Analysis and project comparison is complete. Director Bohannan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0) on a roll call vote.

7. Legal

a. Status Report

Attorney Marcus J. Rael, Jr. summarized information provided in the memo. There were no questions regarding the Legal Status Report.

Items under Item 11 for Planning and Engineering were moved up earlier in the meeting

11. Planning and Engineering Items

a. FY 2027 Project Schedule – Approval of Publishing of the FY 2027 AMAFCA Project Schedule

Ms. Nicole Friedt, AMAFCA Chief Engineer / Director of Planning & Engineering, summarized information provided in the memo and answered a question from the Board.

Director Thomson made a motion that the Board adopt the FY 2027 AMAFCA Project Schedule and approve the publishing and distribution of the FY 2027 AMAFCA Project Schedule. Director Bohannan seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0) on a roll call vote. Director Martinez could not be heard.

b. Calabacillas Grade Control Structure 3a1, 3b1, & Bank Protection Project – Approval of Subgrant Agreement with the State of New Mexico

Mr. Jared Romero, AMAFCA Drainage Engineer, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board. This is the same agreement presented at the past Board meeting; all records are kept separate from the current accounting system; the processes are beyond what is being done today; certain milestones to comply with the Grant have to be done; AMAFCA must meet both State and Federal requirements; there are a number of reporting requirements; all reimbursements must be crossed-walked into the reporting program, which is formatted differently from AMAFCA's internal processes; the anticipated plan is to request a cost adjustment to cover the additional funds needed as soon as the construction bid is approved.

There was a discussion regarding the paperwork workload; the only way to know if this funding source would be successful is to try then see if AMAFCA should pursue any other Federal funding in the future; and costs for staff should come out of the project funding.

Director Thomson made a motion that the Board approve the Subgrant Agreement and authorize the Interim Executive Engineer or his designees to execute the Subgrant Agreement with the State of New Mexico for the Calabacillas Grade Control Structure 3a1, 3b1, & Bank Protection Project. Director Bohannan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0) on a roll call vote.

c. Calabacillas Grade Control Structure 3a1, 3b1, & Bank Protection Project – Authorization to Advertise for Construction Bids

Mr. Jared Romero, AMAFCA Drainage Engineer, summarized information provided in the memo. There were no questions from the Board.

Director Thomson made a motion that the Board approve the Authorization to advertise for Request for Bids on the Calabacillas Grade Control Structure 3a1, 3b1, & Bank Protection Project. Director Bohannan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0) on a roll call vote.

d. Calabacillas Grade Control Structure 3a1, 3b1, & Bank Protection Project – Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Construction Management

Mr. Jared Romero, AMAFCA Drainage Engineer, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board.

Director Thomson made a motion that the Board approve the Agreement for Construction Management for the Calabacillas Grade Control Structure 3a1, 3b1, and Associated Bank Protection Project with Bohannan Huston, Inc. Director Bohannan seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-1) on a roll call vote. Director Eichenberg voted no.

e. Browning Street Improvements Letter of Map Revision – Project Introduction and Draft Cost-Share Agreement with Bernalillo County

Ms. Nicole Friedt, AMAFCA Chief Engineer / Director of Planning & Engineering, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board. Ms. Friedt advised she anticipated having the Cost-Share agreement ready for the June Board meeting.

f. Notification of On-Call Services Task Orders

Ms. Nicole Friedt, AMAFCA Chief Engineer / Director of Planning & Engineering, summarized information provided in the memo. There were no questions.

g. Construction Report

Ms. Nicole Friedt, AMAFCA Chief Engineer / Director of Planning & Engineering, summarized information provided in the memo. There were no questions.

Director Martinez signed off Zoom at 10:18 a.m. Roll call votes are no longer noted, except where required.

The Board meeting continued with Financial matters.

8. Financial Matters

a. Financial Matters – Acceptance of Financial Information

Ms. Maria Zuniga, AMAFCA Director of Finance & Procurement, summarized information provided in the memo and answered a question from the Board. Ms. Zuniga thanked the Board for their patience while waiting for the Expenditure Report, which was postponed due to needing a very much-deserved vacation. The presentation included Budget information for Fiscal Year 2026 such as General Fund Budget to Actual; Revenues; Expenditures; Cash & Investments; and Property Taxes.

Director Thomson made a motion that the Board accept the Financial Information. Director Eichenberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (4-0).

b. Other Matters

Ms. Maria Zuniga, AMAFCA Director of Finance & Procurement, summarized information provided in the memo and walked the Board through upcoming tasks within the ConceptBoard system. There was a brief discussion regarding the interview process for the Assistant Director of Finance & Procurement.

c. Authorization to transition AMAFCA's banking and treasury management services to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

Ms. Maria Zuniga, AMAFCA Director of Finance & Procurement, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board. There was a brief discussion regarding the current state of doing business with banks and how many no longer have contacts in Albuquerque and are out of state.

Director Thomson made a motion that the Board accept the Financial Information. Director Eichenberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (4-0).

9. AMAFCA Bond Program

a. Resolution 2026-10, 2026 Bond Election

Ms. Maria Zuniga, AMAFCA Director of Finance & Procurement, summarized information provided in the memo. Ms. Zuniga introduced Mr. Erik Harrigan, Managing Director with RBC Capital Markets, LLC. Mr. Harrigan answered questions from the Board.

Director Thomson made a motion that the Board approve and adopt Resolution 2026-10, 2026 Bond Election, and authorize the Chair and Secretary-Treasurer to execute the same on behalf of AMAFCA. Director Bohannan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0) on a roll call vote.

10. Administration Information

a. Human Resource Updates

Ms. Crystal Griego, AMAFCA Director of Administration, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board.

b. Other Information Items

Mr. Darnell Pollard, AMAFCA Office Administrator, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board.

Items under 11 for Planning & Engineering were moved up earlier in the meeting.

12. Facilities, Operations & Maintenance Update

a. AMAFCA Operations Update

Ms. Paula Dodge-Kwan, AMAFCA Director of Operations & Maintenance, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board.

b. Discussion of and action on the City of Albuquerque's Proposed Ordinance O-26-26, the "Storm Water Utility Ordinance"

Ms. Paula Dodge-Kwan, AMAFCA Director of Operations & Maintenance, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board.

There was a discussion regarding a recent meeting between AMAFCA and CoA staff regarding the CoA's new Storm Water Utility Ordinance; 60 percent of funds will be used for Operations and Maintenance and current grey infrastructure; 40% of the funds toward green infrastructure; no part of the funds will be used toward Capital projects or new grey infrastructure; the Ordinance is allowing a means to access fees and setup an enterprise fund; AMAFCA does not believe CoA has a clear understanding of the relationship between CoA and AMAFCA; CoA requested a Letter of Support from AMAFCA that would be provided to City Council; AMAFCA Legal advised the Ordinance does not impact AMAFCA; Mr. Patrick J. Chavez, AMAFCA Stormwater Quality Engineer, had previously raised concern that constituents would be confused with two stormwater utilities listed on their bills; that same confusion could impact AMAFCA's Bond Sale; once the CoA Storm Water Utility Ordinance passes, there might not be a way to change it; CoA stated during the meeting with AMAFCA that they do not have funds; AMAFCA agrees that any additional funds for water quality would be beneficial; and it was very disappointing that CoA has continued to drastically reduce their stormwater budget over the years.

The Board advised Ms. Paula Dodge-Kwan could draft a Letter of Support to CoA, noting AMAFCA's concerns and that it is AMAFCA's understanding funds will be used for maintenance and not Capital projects.

There was no need for a motion to approve.

Item 14.a. Executive Session, Limited Personnel Matters, was moved up due to a scheduling conflict.

14. Executive Session (closed)

a. Limited Personnel Matters (§ 10-15-1(H)(2))

Chair Taylor advised Item **14.a.** was a Closed Session agenda item. The meeting was at the AMAFCA office with four 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*," eighth edition, 2015, to discuss Limited Personnel Matters (§ 10-15-1(H)(2)). Director Eichenberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (4-0) on a roll call vote. Ms. Griego, Mr. Stoliker, and Attorney Rael were present.

Attorney Rael left the meeting at 12:50 p.m. Director Bohannan left the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

Chair Taylor closed the meeting at 12:11 p.m. Chair Taylor asked for a motion to re-open the meeting at 1:10 p.m. Director Thomson made a motion that the meeting be re-opened. Director

Eichenberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (3-0). Director Bohannan had left prior to going back into session. Director Thomson stated only Limited Personnel Matters were discussed in closed session and no decisions were made.

Remaining Items under Operations & Maintenance were continued

b. Security Dispatch and Patrols – Selection Advisory Committee Recommendation

Ms. Paula Dodge-Kwan, AMAFCA Director of Operations & Maintenance, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board. Ms. Dodge-Kwan advised a contract will come before the Board for approval at the June Board meeting.

c. Stormwater Quality

Mr. Patrick J. Chavez, AMAFCA Storm Water Quality Engineer, referenced a slide presented on the TV. Mr. Chavez commended Dr. Schoener on his work at the UNM Civil Engineering Lab; wished him luck on being awarded the Assessing the Performance of Green Stormwater Infrastructure Grant through BernCo, advised Dr. Schoener would be a great advocate for UNM and AMAFCA, and noted AMAFCA has been invited, at no cost, to attend a workshop for the Southwest Center of Excellence.

d. Field Highlights

Mr. Esqui Padilla, AMAFCA Engineering Technician, provided a report on various projects and events.

13. Executive Engineer's Update

a. Notification of Past Month's Activities

This item was not discussed.

b. Consideration of motion stating AMAFCA's support for UNM research project on green stormwater infrastructure

This item was not discussed, and no Board action was taken.

Item 14.a. Executive Session, Limited Personnel Matters, was moved to under Item 12.b. due to a scheduling conflict.

15. Unfinished Business

None

16. New Business

None

17. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Taylor adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

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Orlando G. Martinez, Jr., Secretary – Treasurer, 6/25/2026

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