



# County of Los Alamos

## Minutes

### County Council - Special Session

Los Alamos, NM 87544  
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Tuesday, May 17, 2016

6:00 PM

Fire Station No. 3 - White Rock  
**TELEVISED**

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#### OPENING/ROLL CALL

The Chair, Rick Reiss, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Councilor Girrens arrived during the discussion of Item 4A.

The following Councilors were in attendance:

**Present** 7 - Councilor Izraelevitz, Councilor O'Leary, Councilor Chrobocinski,  
Councilor Girrens, Councilor Henderson, Councilor Sheehey and  
Councilor Reiss

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Izraelevitz, seconded by Councilor Sheehey,  
that the Agenda be approved, as presented.

The motion passed by acclamation with the following vote:

**Yes:** 6 - Councilor Izraelevitz, Councilor O'Leary, Councilor Chrobocinski,  
Councilor Henderson, Councilor Sheehey and Councilor Reiss

**Absent:** 1 - Councilor Girrens

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. [8240-16](#) Presentation by First Judicial District Attorney Jennifer Padgett

Ms. Jennifer Padgett, First Judicial District Attorney, presented.

*Councilor Girrens arrived during the discussion of this item, at 6:13 p.m.*

No action taken.

#### 5. BUSINESS

A. [7966-16](#) Briefing to Council by Khal Spenser, Chair of the Transportation Board.

Mr. Khalil Spencer, Chair of the Transportation Board, provided a briefing.

**No action taken.**

- B. [7967-16](#) Briefing to Council by John Bliss, Chair of the Environmental Sustainability Board.

Mr. John Bliss, Chair of the Environmental Sustainability Board, provided a briefing.

**No action taken.**

- C. [8220-16](#) Presentation by New Mexico Association of Counties regarding Current Trends in Local Government Liability

Mr. Steve Kopelman, Executive Director of NMAC, presented.

Ms. Grace Phillips, General Counsel of NMAC, presented.

**No action taken.**

## RECESS

***Councilor Reiss called for a recess at 8:28 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:43 p.m.***

## 6. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- A. [8152-16](#) Discussion of Independent Audit of County Personnel Policies

Ms. Rebecca Ehler, County Attorney, spoke.

Mr. Harry Burgess, County Manager, spoke.

### *Public Comment:*

Mr. Donald Machen, 1110 1<sup>st</sup> Street, spoke in support. *(Statement provided for the record.)*

Ms. Rebecca Shankland, 6 Mariposa Court, spoke in support. *(Statement provided for the record.)*

Ms. Pat Thomas, of Espanola and Los Alamos County retiree, spoke in support.

Ms. Judith Machen, 1110 1<sup>st</sup> Street, spoke in support. *(Statement provided for the record.)*

Ms. Chris Chandler, 1208 9<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke in support.

**A motion was made by Councilor O'Leary, seconded by Councilor Chrobocinski, that the Council commission an independent audit to review Los Alamos County Personnel Policies and the compliance of those policies.**

**The motion FAILED with the following vote:**

**Yes: 2 - Councilor O'Leary and Councilor Sheehey**

**Abstain: 1 - Councilor Chrobocinski**

**No: 4 - Councilor Izraelevitz, Councilor Girrens, Councilor Henderson and Councilor Reiss**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Adrienne Wibbert, 505 Oppenheimer and Los Alamos County retiree, made reference to personal knowledge of a forthcoming lawsuit and questioned whether such information would have had an impact on the vote to support the motion.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS

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Rick Reiss, Council Chair

Attest:

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Sharon Stover, County Clerk

Meeting Transcribed by: Adrianna Ortiz, Chief Deputy Clerk