



Minutes of the Cemetery Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2026
REGULAR MEETING 4:00 P.M.

Notice of this meeting was given to the public in compliance with Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4, NMSA 1978 and Resolution 26-12.

A. Call to Order

Member Jake Trujillo called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Committee members present: Jake Trujillo, Dr. Heidi Huckabee, and Sarah Reese.

Staff present: Ruben Esquivel, Cemetery Superintendent, and Daisy Diaz, Cemetery Administrative Assistant.

Others Present: Juan Oropesa, Liaison.

C. Approval of Agenda

1. Dr. Heidi Huckabee made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Sarah Reese was the second. A voice vote was as follows: Jake Trujillo-yes, Dr. Heidi Huckabee-yes, and Sarah Reese-yes and the motion to approve the agenda for June 16, 2026, passed unanimously 3-0.

D. Approval of Minutes

2. Ms. Sarah Reese made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Heidi Huckabee was the second. A voice vote was as follows: Jake Trujillo-yes, Dr. Heidi Huckabee-yes, and Sarah Reese-yes and the motion to approve the minutes from May 19, 2026, passed unanimously 3-0.

E. Non-Action Items

3. Sexton's Report- (Services for May)

Superintendent Esquivel reported that a total of 43 burial services were conducted in May 2026 at South Park Cemetery and General Douglas McBride Veterans Cemetery. He further reported that the cemetery crew had lost two additional employees, resulting in a staffing shortage of three positions within the grounds maintenance team.

4. Bookkeeper's Report- (Activity for May)

Daisy Diaz reported total activity for May 2026: 3 contracts, 3 pay-offs and 6 lot sales.

5. Memorial Tree Planting- (Jane Blewett)

Item was not addressed due to the absence of the scheduled presenter.

6. Fee Schedule for Columbarium Discussion- (James Burress)

Item was not addressed due to the absence of the scheduled presenter and will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

F. Public Comments

Dr. Heidi Huckabee reported that she has about 35 biographies of historic individuals that are buried at South Park Cemetery who are not well known, and expressed her interest in sharing them with the board. She indicated she would present one biography at each meeting, beginning with the July meeting.

G. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 21, 2026