



Minutes of the Cemetery Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 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 4:04 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: James Edwards, Bobby Arnett, and Juan Oropesa, Liaison.

C. Approval of Agenda

1. Dr. Heidi Huckabee made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Sarah Reese seconded. 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 May 19, 2026, passed 3-0.

D. Approval of Minutes

2. Dr. Heidi Huckabee made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sarah Reese seconded. 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 April 21, 2026, passed 3-0.

E. Non-Action Items

3. Sexton's Report- Superintendent Ruben Esquivel (Services for March)

Superintendent Esquivel reported that a total of 26 burial services were conducted in April 2026 at South Park Cemetery and General Douglas McBride Veterans Cemetery.

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

Daisy Diaz reported total activity for April 2026: 1 transfer, 5 contract, 3 pay-offs and 3 lot sales.

5. Flag Placement for Memorial Day- Bobby Arnett stated that the flag placement would take place Saturday May 23, 2026 starting at 7 a.m. Volunteers will meet at the cemetery office and will be given a bundle of approximately 50 flags and a map. The pick up of flags will be on Monday, May 25, 2026 at 6 p.m.

6. Memorial Day Celebration- Mr. James Edwards stated he has a least 2 speakers for the celebration, and is currently working on getting the event advertised and the agenda completed. Celebration will take place on Monday, May 25, 2026 at 10 a.m. at the General Douglas Veterans Cemetery and the interment of the unclaimed veterans will take place after the ceremony.

F. Public Comments

None

G. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 16, 2026