



Minutes of the Cemetery Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 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 Jeremy Hurley called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

B. Roll Call

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

Committee members absent: Jim Bloodhart

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

Others Present: Juan Oropesa, Liaison

C. Approval of Agenda

1. Mr. Jake Trujillo moved to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Heidi Huckabee seconded. A voice vote was as follows: Jeremy Hurley- yes, Jake Trujillo-yes, Dr. Heidi Huckabee-yes, and Sarah Reese-yes and the motion to approve the agenda for April 21, 2026, passed 4-0, with Member Jim Bloodhart being absent.

D. Approval of Minutes

2. Mr. Trujillo moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Heidi Huckabee seconded. A voice vote was as follows: Jeremy Hurley- yes, Jake Trujillo-yes, Dr. Heidi Huckabee-yes, and Sarah Reese-yes and the motion to approve the minutes from March 17, 2026, passed 4-0, with Member Jim Bloodhart being absent.

E. Non-Action Items

3. Welcome New Board Member- Sarah Reese

Board members welcomed Sarah Reese to the board. Ms. Reese introduced herself to the board and stated she works as a funeral director and administrator at Lagrone Funeral Chapel and occasionally helps out Ballard Funeral Home.

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

Superintendent Esquivel reported that a total of 27 burial services were conducted in March 2026 at South Park Cemetery and General Douglas McBride Veterans Cemetery.

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

Daisy Diaz reported total activity for March 2026: 1 contract, and 2 lot sales.

6. Discussion on Terms and Election of Officers- (Ruben Esquivel)

Ruben Esquivel informed the board that Jim Bloodhart and Jeremy Hurley's terms had expired March 31, 2026. Any questions regarding terms or re-applying could be made by contacting City Clerk, Amalia Martinez.

F. Public Comments

Mr. Juan Oropesa commented that he would follow up with City Clerk Amalia Martinez regarding board rules related to representation of funeral homes on the Cemetery Board.

G. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 19, 2026