



Minutes of the Cemetery Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 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

Vice President Jim Bloodhart called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Committee members present: Jim Bloodhart, Jake Trujillo, and Dr. Heidi Huckabee.

Committee members absent: Jeremy Hurley

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

C. Approval of Agenda

1. Dr. Heidi Huckabee moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Trujillo seconded. A voice vote was as follows: Jim Bloodhart- yes, Jake Trujillo-yes, and Heidi Huckabee-yes and the motion to approve the agenda for March 17, 2026, passed 3-0.

D. Approval of Minutes

2. Mr. Trujillo moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Heidi Huckabee seconded. A voice vote was as follows: Jim Bloodhart- yes, Jake Trujillo-yes, and Dr. Heidi Huckabee-yes and the motion to approve the minutes from February 17, 2026, passed 3-0.

E. Non-Action Items

3. Sexton's Report-

Superintendent Ruben Esquivel reported the burial services for South Park Cemetery and General Douglas McBride Veterans Cemetery as 36 services for February 2026. Mr. Esquivel also reported a grounds worker position had been posted and will start looking at applications and setting up interviews within the next 2 weeks.

4. Bookkeeper's Report-

Mrs. Diaz reported total activity for February 2026: 1 pay-off, and 4 lot sales.

5. Discussion on Columbarium Rules, Fees, and Engraving at South Park Cemetery-

Mr. Esquivel spoke about the rules and regulation for decorations. Board members agreed no decorations would be allowed on the niches. Flowers would only be allowed at the base of the columbarium for a specific number of days. Rules and regulations will be posted and families will be informed and reminded of them when arranging for services or purchasing niches.

Mr. Ruben Esquivel stated he had spoken to the architect and had received an estimated price for a niche wall which is currently about \$158,000.00. Arrangements for the engraving of the niches will be responsibility of the family.

F. Public Comments

None

G. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 21, 2026