

New Mexico Mining Safety Board (MSB) – Meeting, August 14, 2025 @ 1 PM

AGENDA

MSB members:

John Purcell (Chair), Jerry Higginbotham (Vice Chair), Michael Ackman, Howard Bartoo, Donald Bush, Jeff Cook, Katharine Fishman, Roy Newman, Mike Runner.

The State Mine Inspector (SMI), and the EMNRD Cabinet Secretary are Ex-Officio members of the MSB.

Chris Hefner, State Mine Inspector

Albert Chang, Director Mining and Mineral Division

Billy Jimenez, Counsel for State Mine Inspector and Mining Safety Board

Zoom Coordinator, and Administrative duties provided by Bethany Carolus-Jessen of BMS staff.

Location

Southeast New Mexico College

Room: TBD

1500 University Dr.

Carlsbad, NM 88220

ZOOM Meeting

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Purpose of Meeting:

The MSB will conduct a regular meeting. The purpose of the meeting is for regular MSB business including the approval of the last meeting's minutes; SMI and Chair reports; open discussion on adding language referencing Federal Mine Safety Act of 1977 or 30CFR regulations to NMAC Title 19 rules or NM Statutes Ch. 69; update on board vacancies and nomination process for new members; SENMC presentation and tour and any other new business that may be introduced.

Other business items: *If MSB members would like other items included on the agenda, please contact the SMI at 575-835-5460 or Chair (John Purcell) at 575-200-6771.*

Agenda (Starting at 1 PM)

Action
Meeting will commence.
Chair – Attendance, introductions, and safety share.
Approval of today's agenda; Action Item
Approval of the last meeting's minutes, held on February 27, 2025; Action Item
SMI Report – Terry Walker's retirement. Reduction in State funding, and MSHA grant. Hiring process of an instructor. Grant goals.
Chair Report – MSHA update: 18 proposed rules, leadership, programs and policies. 2025 Mine Fatality Review.
Southwest Regional Mine Rescue contest results. – Mike Runner
Open discussion on adding language referencing Federal Mine Safety Act of 1977 or 30CFR regulations to NMAC Title 19 rules or 2023 New Mexico Statutes Chapter 69 – Mines.
New Member status - Application form can be found on Boards and Commissions Office of the Governor - Michelle Lujan Grisham (state.nm.us) .
Produced Water Issues in Southeast New Mexico and West Texas. Presentation by Jerry Brian, Geologist, SENMC faculty member.
SENMC presentation on current miner training programs.
New Business and action items to be discussed at next meeting.

Proposed date and location of next meeting; Action Item
Meeting adjourned. Action Item
Tour of SENMC Facilities and demonstration of Mining Equipment Simulators.

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