

New Mexico Mining Safety Board (MSB) – Meeting, August 6, 2026 @ 1 PM

AGENDA *DRAFT*

MSB members:

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

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

Chris Hefner, State Mine Inspector

Ms. Melanie Kenderdine, Cabinet Secretary EMNRD

Leon Richter-Freund, Counsel for Mining Safety Board and State Mine Inspector.

Administrative duties provided by BMS staff.

Location

Bureau of Mine Safety, room 101

101 East Road

Socorro, NM

with Teleconference

Capability

Zoom meeting ID: 971 4332 3773

PASSWORD: S5cUXV

Click to Join <https://nmt-edu.zoom.us/j/97143323773?pwd=WrUaPfu4PZ5MF7PsrRqKlwZwy0uaP8.1>

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; results of the Southwestern Regional Mine Rescue Contest; discussion on Accident and Emergency Notification requirements; continued discussion to consider adding "Adoption of Rules" section to NMAC Title 19, Chapter 6 – Mine Safety; update on board vacancies and nomination process for new members; and to submit any other new business that may be included at future meetings.

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 April 2, 2026; Action Item
SMI Report – New Mexico Salt facility's failure to report accident, 2026 Federal Grant submission and other topics.
Chair Report – MSHA updates; 2024 Silica Rule update April 9 th and 2026 Fatalities.
Results of the Southwestern Regional Mine Rescue Contest held on June 8 th to June 11 th .
Discussion – Improving awareness and compliance of the New Mexico Accident and Emergency Notification Requirements.
Continued discussion to adding section to NMAC Title 19, Chapter 6 – Mine Safety; Adoption of Mine Safety and Health Rules and Regulations, to reference Federal and other regulations that apply to mine safety.
New Member status - Application form can be found on Boards and Commissions Office of the Governor - Michelle Lujan Grisham (state.nm.us) .
New Business and action items to be discussed at next meeting.

Proposed date and location of next meeting; Action Item
Meeting adjourned. Action Item

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact (575) 835-5460 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Public documents, including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats. Please contact (575) 835-5460 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.