
MINUTES – July 8, 2026

This Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board (“Board”) meeting was conducted in a hybrid format.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Armijo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Board Liaison called roll and the Chair determined a quorum was present.

Present: 7 – Dennis Armijo, Jane Cudney-Black, Thomas De Pree, Joseph Galewsky, Josephine Lopez, Jeremy Sment, Theodros Woldeyohannes

Absent: 0

Chair Armijo thanked Member Richards for her service on the Board and introduced the 2 new board members. Members Sment and Woldeyohannes each gave a little information about their backgrounds.

II. CONSENT AGENDA *(Items may be removed at the request of any Board Member)*

A. Approval of the July 8, 2026 Meeting Agenda

Member De Pree moved to approve the July 8, 2026 meeting agenda. Member Cudney-Black seconded. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 – Armijo, Cudney-Black, De Pree, Galewsky, Lopez, Sment, Woldeyohannes

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

B. Approval of the May 13, 2026 Minutes

Member De Pree moved to approve the May 13, 2026 meeting minutes. Vice Chair Lopez seconded. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 4 – Armijo, De Pree, Galewsky, Lopez

Against: 0 Abstain: 3 - Cudney-Black, Sment, Woldeyohannes Absent: 0

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up for public comment.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Action Items- to be voted on

Presentation and take action (vote to hold a hearing and associated logistical actions) - AQCB 2026-02: Petition to Repeal and Replace Existing Rule 20.11.7 NMAC-Variance Procedure

Air Quality Program Attorney Doug Wykstra gave a brief background of the petition and where it is in the rulemaking process. Regulation Development Coordinator Allen Smith presented AQCB petition 2026-02 and the request for a hearing, and then stood for questions.

Vice Chair Lopez moved to approve a hearing for the 2026-02 petition to repeal and replace existing rule 20.11.7-Variance Procedure at the September 9th Board meeting. After a brief discussion, Chair Armijo amended the motion to include Vice Chair Lopez serving as the hearing officer. Member De Pree seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 7 – Armijo, Cudney-Black, De Pree, Galewsky, Lopez, Sment, Woldeyohannes

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

B. Air Quality Program (AQP)

- Presentation- Ozone Planning and Control Strategies – Catalina Lehner, AICP

Air Program Administrator Catalina Lehner gave a presentation on the components of an air quality program with examples of planning efforts along with current and potential control strategies. Ms. Lehner other EHD staff then answered questions from the Board.

- Monthly Update – EHD/AQP

The EHD Managers answered questions about their respective sections of the report.

Manager Verma Villegas answered questions about the recent Towns Recycling fire, Deputy Director Terrance Smith answered questions about health alerts and collaborating with AFD and Bernalillo County Emergency Management.

In response to questions about the accessibility of the report, Board Liaison Anita SdeArmijo stated where the report was posted each month before the meeting and where it was archived on the city website.

V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Permit presentation with BACT permit walkthrough
- Comparison of AQP regulations and NMED air regulations (20.11 NMAC and 20.2 NMAC)
- Ozone subcommittee – Members Galewsky and Woldeyohannes indicated a willingness to serve
- Board Authority/Roles and Responsibilities-Member Sment volunteered to join Vice Chair Lopez and Member De Pree on this subcommittee
- Hearing for AQCB 2026-02 Petition to Repeal and Replace Existing Rule 20.11.7 NMAC, Variance Procedure

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up for public comment.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Armijo adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: August 12, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

SUBMITTED:

Whitney Craig, Director
Environmental Health Department

READ AND APPROVED:

Dennis Armijo, Sr., Chair
Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board