



# ALBUQUERQUE – BERNALILLO COUNTY AIR QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

DMD 7th Floor Room # 7096  
Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Government Center  
One Civic Plaza NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102



## DRAFT MINUTES – June 12, 2019 Regular Meeting

### AQCB MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Sandy Buffett (CITY), Chair  
Ms. Kitty Richards (COUNTY), Vice-Chair  
Ms. Susan Langner (COUNTY)  
Ms. Lauren Meiklejohn (CITY)  
Mr. Arturo Sandoval (CITY)  
Mr. Zackary Quintero (COUNTY)  
Mr. Matthew Wylie (CITY)

### AQCB MEMBERS ABSENT

### STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Sandra Begay, EHD Director  
Ms. Jolene Slowen, EHD Deputy Director  
Ms. Susan Chappell, AQCB Attorney  
Ms. Carol Parker, Assistant City Attorney  
Ms. Stephanie Apodaca, AQCB Liaison  
Ms. Erin Engelbrecht, EH Comm. Liaison

Ms. Regan Eyeran, Senior EH Scientist  
Mr. Ed Merta, Reg. Dev. Coordinator  
Mr. Travis Miller, EH Supervisor  
Ms. Carina Munoz-Dyer, EH Supervisor  
Mr. Dario Rocha, EH Manager  
Mr. Dwayne Salisbury, EH Manager  
Ms. Lisa Serna-Cordova, Program Analyst  
Mr. Jeff Stonesifer, Sr. EH Scientist  
Mr. Isreal Tavarez, EH Manager

### VISITORS PRESENT

Ms. Esther Abeyta, San Jose resident  
Mr. Steven Abeyta, San Jose resident  
Mr. Matt Cross-Guillen, DOH Health  
Promotion  
Mr. Eric Jantz, NM Env. Law Center  
Ms. Kathleen Moseley  
Ms. Marla Painter, Comm. Action Mountain  
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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Buffett called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM.

Chair Buffett welcomed new Member Susan Langner to the Air Quality Control Board.

### **Item #1 Approval of Agenda (Chair)**

Member Sandoval moved to approve the agenda and Member Quintero seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

### **Item #2 Approval of May 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes (Chair)**

Member Sandoval moved to approve the May 8, 2019 meeting minutes and Vice Chair Richards seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

## **AIR PROGRAM REPORT**

The Environmental Health Department (“EHD”) Director, Ms. Sandra Begay, delivered the Air Quality Report and answered questions from Board members.

After discussion with the Board, Director Begay said she would send Board members copies of a letter from the Mayor of Albuquerque to BNSF Railway, which encouraged a “good neighbor” agreement between that corporation and residents of the San Jose neighborhood.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Item #3 Election of Chair pro-temp due to Chair and Vice-Chair’s recusals; Discussion regarding March 27, 2019 Special Meeting decision on whether to agree to mediation of Southwest Organizing Project’s Complaint to U.S Environmental Protection Agency under Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964, EPD Case No. 13R-14-R6; and possible action to confirm or ratify that decision. (Ex officio member Begay, Chair pro-temp)**

Chair Buffett and Vice Chair Richards recused themselves from Items #3 and #4.

Ex officio member Sandra Begay took over chairing the meeting. She asked for nominees for the position of Chair pro-temp.

Member Wylie nominated Member Sandoval. The Board approved the nomination by a vote of 5-0

Based on feedback from the Board Attorney and Board members, Chair pro-temp Sandoval stated that the Board’s March 27 decision in favor of mediation stands and the mediation process will proceed.

**Item #4 Selection of subcommittee for mediation- Southwest Organizing Project’s Complaint to U.S Environmental Protection Agency under Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964, EPA Case No. 13R-14-R6 (Chair pro-temp)**

Chair pro-temp Sandoval asked for nominations for the subcommittee.

Member Quintero nominated Member Meiklejohn. She accepted.

Member Meiklejohn nominated Member Sandoval and Member Quintero, both of whom accepted.

Based on advice from Board Attorney Susan Chappell, Member Wiley recused himself from any matter related to the mediation.

Chair pro-temp Sandoval asked for a motion to approve the nominees to the mediation subcommittee. Member Wylie recused himself from the vote. Member Quintero moved to approve the nominees, Member Langner seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Members Meiklejohn, Sandoval, and Quintero will serve on the subcommittee.

Chair Buffett and Vice Chair Richards returned to their positions as Chair and Vice Chair.

## **REPORTS**

**Item # 5** Update by Board Attorney Susan Chappell on process of selecting mediator for Southwest Organizing Project's Complaint to U.S Environmental Protection Agency under Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964, EPD Case No. 13R-14-R6.

Board Attorney Susan Chappell updated the Board on this matter.

**Item # 6** Overview of EPA National Air Toxics Assessment (NATA) database, by Dario Rocha, Control Strategies Manager, City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department.

EHD Manager Dario Rocha delivered the presentation and responded to questions from Board members.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(Five minute time limit)

Mr. Steven Abeyta recounted how he got involved with air quality issues in his neighborhood.

Mr. Eric Jantz asked the Board to consider having a community based expert talk about EPA's NATA database.

Chair Buffett asked Mr. Jantz to submit potential candidates for such a presentation to Board Attorney Chappell. Chair Buffett asked Member Meiklejohn to consider leading an effort to select an appropriate presenter.

Ms. Esther Abeyta described her involvement with air quality concerns in her neighborhood.

Ms. Marla Painter supported the Board inviting a new presenter on the NATA database.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Buffett adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

**NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING:** July 10, 2019 in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers, Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Government Center One Civic Plaza NW Albuquerque, NM 87102

