

**NEW MEXICO STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MEETING**

Special Video Conference Meeting

December 8, 2022

The New Mexico State Transportation Commission (STC or Commission) held a special video conference meeting on December 8, 2022. Chairman Adams called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He asked for a roll call to establish a quorum. Mershawn Griego, Office of the Secretary, New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), proceeded to call the roll. Commissioners Walter G. Adams, Jennifer Sandoval, Bruce Ellis, Hilma Chynoweth, and Thomas C. Taylor were present.

Approval of the STC Special Meeting Agenda

Chairman Adams asked for a motion to approve the STC special meeting agenda; Commissioner Ellis made a motion to approve the agenda; Commissioner Chynoweth seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the STC Minutes

Chairman Adams asked for a motion to approve the November 17, 2022, STC regular meeting minutes; Commissioner Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented; Commissioner Taylor seconded; motion carried unanimously.

State Transportation Commissioners Present:

Jennifer Sandoval, Vice-Chair, District One
Bruce Ellis, Commissioner, District Two
Hilma E. Chynoweth, Commissioner, District Three
Walter G. Adams, Chairman, District Four
Thomas C. Taylor, Commissioner, District Five
Charles Lundstrom, Secretary, District Six Three (absent with notice)

NMDOT Staff Present:

Ricky Serna, Cabinet Secretary
Trent Doolittle, P.E., Deputy Secretary, Highway Operations
Rick Padilla, P.E., Executive Director of Highway Operations
Kenneth B. Baca, General Counsel
NMDOT Staff

Elected Officials and Delegations Present:

None present.

Welcoming Remarks

Chairman Adams welcomed the STC special meeting attendees and thanked them for participating in the meeting.

Public Comment

Chairman Adams mentioned that Kenneth Baca, General Counsel, is retiring at the end of the year and thanked Mr. Baca for his professionalism, integrity, and knowledge for guiding the NMDOT. On behalf of the Commission wished him the best of luck in the future. Commissioner Ellis, Commissioner Chynoweth, Commissioner Taylor, and Commissioner Sandoval also expressed well wishes to Mr. Baca.

Chairman Adams asked Secretary Serna if we could present a plaque to Mr. Baca at the January meeting to recognize Mr. Baca for his service. Mr. Baca thanked the Commissioners for their kind words and stated he will miss working with them.

Proposed Amended 2023 STC Meeting Schedule

Chairman Adams asked whether the Commissioners had reviewed the proposed 2023 STC meeting schedule due to a request from Commission Ellis to change the meeting date for the Ruidoso meeting in July 2023.

Chairman Adams asked the Commissioners for questions, comments, or changes, and there being none, asked for a motion to approve the proposed amended 2023 STC meeting schedule; Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the proposed amended meeting schedule; Commissioner Sandoval seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Adams wished the Commissioners Happy Holiday Season and asked if an email could be sent out to all NMDOT staff wishing them a Happy Holiday Season as well.

Adjournment

Chairman Adams asked for a motion to adjourn the special video conference meeting at 9:15 a.m.; Commissioner Chynoweth made a motion to adjourn the special meeting; Commissioner Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



Chairman

Walter G. Adams



Secretary

Charles Lundstrom