



New Mexico Fire Service Council



Meeting Minutes

December 12th, 2023

10am to 12noon

Location: State Fire Marshals ABQ Office, Oso Grande Building, 725 6th street NW Albuquerque, NM 87102

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87553048783?pwd=GprTjcqN6oYG4q21a2RJSaSgRiIJbS.1>

I.	<p>Call to Order Chair Perez called the meeting to order at 10:05am.</p> <p>Roll Call</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greg Perez, Council Chair—Metro Fire Chiefs Association - present 2. Milo Lambert – NM Fire Marshals Association – present (via zoom) 3. Jaime Gonzales – Fire & Emergency Managers Affiliate of NM Counties - present 4. Tomi DeSoto – NM EMT Association - present 5. Kevin Hope – NM Fire Chiefs Association – present (via zoom) 6. Bert Quintana – NM Professional Fire Fighters Association - present 7. John Standefer – NM State Firefighters Association - present 8. David Vega – Governor’s Appointee – present (via zoom) 9. Carla Williams – Senate Appointee - absent 10. Ramon Vilorio—House of Representative Appointee - present
II.	<p>Approval of agenda for December 12th, 2023</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councilor DeSoto made a motion to amend the agenda to change the Governor’s Appointee as David Vega and was seconded by Chair Perez. Change approved. 2. Councilor Standefer made a motion to approve the agenda for the December 12th, 2023 meeting as amended with a second by Councilor Quintana. Agenda approved as amended.
III.	<p>Approval of minutes from October 10th, 2023</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councilor Standefer made a motion to approve the October 10th, 2023 meeting minutes as is with a second by Councilor DeSoto. Minutes approved as is.
IV.	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>- No Public Comments</p>
V.	<p>Old Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion - Subcommittee Updates – AG Delilah Tenorio stated she is arranging meetings with the subcommittees in regard to developing rules for each division and stated she will have an update by the next meeting. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Complaints – Councilor Quintana and Councilor Gonzales – no updates b. Hearings – Councilor Lambert and Councilor Hope – Vice-Chair Lambert stated Councilor Hope will replace James Salas. c. Line of Duty Deaths – Chair Perez and Councilor Standefer – no updates
VI.	<p>New Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion - National Volunteer Council: NM Board Creation – Jaime Gonzales and NFVC CEA Sarah Lee <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. NFVC CEA Sarah Lee presented the history and purpose of the National Volunteer Fire Council. Ms. stated New Mexico is currently not part of their national board. She also discussed the benefits, available training, mental health assistance, and national awards. More information available at www.nvfc.org. Chair Perez asked Councilor Gonzales and State Fire Marshal Varela to provide on update on the possibility of New Mexico becoming part of the NVFC.

	<p>2. Discussion - NM Firefighters Academy: Changes to NMAC – Randy Varela/Austin Meuli</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Interim Director Austin Meuli stated the Fire Academy is currently working on a firefighter skills task book aimed at new members to complete prior to attending a Firefighter I/II course in order to have them functional on a fire scene. Skills within the book would be department lead and signed off by a fire chief. He also stated the book follows current NFPA standards and will be updated as the standard updates. b. State Fire Marshal Randy Varela stated they are planning to change the wording of the NMAC to fit the new skills task book along with the requirements for a firefighter to become certified through the Fire Academy. He also stated roofs will be replaced at the Fire Academy in Socorro this year, the burn building will be completed, all AV equipment in the academy classrooms have been updated and discussed the plans to develop a satellite academy in Santa Fe. Assistant Fire Marshal Anthony Leyba stated the second distribution fund will be released on February 15th and expressed his thanks for support from the council. <p>3. Open</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">VII</p>	<p>Announcements</p> <p>1. Council Member Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chair Perez – announced the Taking Care of Our Own class scheduled 1/19 at the BCFD Headquarters in ABQ, announced the NM SAFER grant proposal that will be presented at the 2024 Legislative Session. b. Councilor Standefer – no comments c. Councilor Vilorio – no comments d. Councilor Quintana – asked for support for the NM SAFER grant bill, peer support bill, and the sensitive safety bill at this year’s legislative session. e. Vice-Chair Lambert – requested a list of legislative bills to be sent to the council concerning the fire service. f. Councilor Hope – suggested Hound Labs for a THC breathalyzer for members. g. Councilor Vega – stated they will be having a lunch with the SanJuan representatives to discuss the recruitment bill being presented at this year’s legislative session. Also stated San Juan County will be consolidating their fire districts into one department. h. Councilor DeSoto – no comments i. Councilor Gonzales – stated the NM Affiliates are supporting the recruit/retention legislative bill and stated Valencia county has started a peer support team for its fire members.
<p style="text-align: center;">VII</p>	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Councilor Quintana made a motion to adjourn with a second by Councilor Vilorio. All members agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am. Next meeting schedule for February 6th, 2024, at 10am to be held at the State Fire Marshals ABQ Office, Oso Grande Building, 725 6th street NW Albuquerque, NM 87102.</p>