

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD

2015-2016 OPEN MEETINGS ACT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board (the "Board" or "EIB") met in regular session in Santa Fe, New Mexico on July 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1 (B) of the Open Meetings Act ("OMA") (NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1 to -4) requires that, except as may be otherwise provided in the New Mexico Constitution or the provisions of the OMA, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, council, commission, administrative adjudicatory body or other policymaking body of any state or local public agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the delegated authority of such body, are public meetings open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, the Board is a public board subject to the provisions of OMA; and

WHEREAS, under Section 10-15-1 (D), any meetings subject to the OMA at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1 (D) requires the Board to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Environmental Improvement Board that:

1. **Regular Meetings.** Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the third Friday of every other month at the State Capitol, Room 307, Santa Fe, New Mexico at 09:00 a.m. or as otherwise indicated in the meeting notice. Meeting agendas will be available at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting on the EIB website maintained by the New Mexico Environment Department or from the Board Administrator, whose office is located at 1190 S. St. Francis Drive, S2100 in Santa Fe, New Mexico and available at 505.827.2425.
2. **Special Meetings.** Special meetings may be called by the Chair or a majority of the members upon seventy-two (72) hours' notice. The agenda for the meeting shall be posted on the EIB website at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of any special meeting.
3. **Emergency Meetings.** Emergency meetings may be called only to address unforeseen circumstances that, if not addressed immediately by the Board, will likely result in injury or damage to persons or property or substantial financial loss to the EIB. The Board will avoid emergency meetings whenever possible. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chair or a majority of the members upon twenty-four (24) hours' notice, unless threat of personal injury or property damage requires less notice.

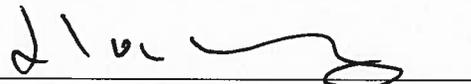
4. For the purpose of regular meetings described in Paragraph 1, notice requirements are met if notice of the date, time, place and either a copy of the agenda or how the agenda can be obtained is sent to the EIB electronic mailing list maintained by the Board's administrator and to the Governor's Office, and also posted in a visible location at the office of the Board administrator and on the EIB website maintained by the New Mexico Environment Department. Written notice shall also be sent to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspapers of general circulation that have made a written request for notice of meetings.
5. For the purposes of special meetings and emergency meetings described in Paragraphs 2 and 3, notice requirements are met if notice of the date, time, place and either a copy of the agenda or how the agenda can be obtained is sent to the Board's electronic mailing list maintained by the Board's administrator and to the Governor's Office, and also posted in a visible location at the office of the Board administrator and on the EIB website maintained by the New Mexico Environment Department. Telephone notice shall be given to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspapers of general circulation that have made a written request for such notice. Within ten (10) days of taking action on an emergency matter, the Board shall report the action to the Office of the Attorney General pursuant to OMA Section 10-15-1(F).
6. In addition to the information specified above, all notices shall include the following language:

If you are an individual with a disability who needs 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 the EIB Administrator, [NAME], at least ten days prior to the meeting or as soon as possible at [CONTACT INFORMATION]. Public documents can be provided in various accessible formats. Please contact the EIB Administrator if accessible format is needed.

7. The Board may hold a closed meeting under certain limited circumstances as provided by the Open Meetings Act Section 10-15-1(H).
 - a) If any portion of an open meeting of the Board is closed, such closure shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board taken during open session. The authority for the closed meeting and the subjects to be discussed shall be stated with reasonable specificity in the motion to close. Only matters already noticed in the agenda may be considered in closed session. The vote of each individual member on the motion to close shall be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects specified in the motion may be discussed in the closed session.
 - b) If a separate closed meeting is called outside of an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting and the subjects to be discussed with reasonable specificity, is given to the members and provided to the general public.

- c) Following completion of any closed meeting, the minutes of the open meeting that was closed, or the minutes of the next open meeting if the closed meeting was separately scheduled, shall state whether the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion or notice for closure.
 - d) Except as provided in Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act, any action taken as a result of discussions in a closed meeting shall be made by vote of the Board in an open, public meeting that has been properly noticed.
8. Board members may participate in a meeting by conference telephone or other similar communications equipment as permitted by OMA when it is otherwise difficult or impossible for the member to attend in person, provided that all participants are able hear and communicate clearly with one another and that the members of the public in attendance are able to hear any member who speaks during the meeting.

PASSED by the Environmental Improvement Board this 17th day of July, 2015.



JOHN VOLKERDING, CHAIR
ON BEHALF OF THE NEW MEXICO
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD