

NAACA September 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
9/10/2025 Sandia Pres. Church-Conference Room, 5:00pm

Attendees: PJ Valencia, Bonnie Greiner, Wayland Adams, Steve Shackley, David Neale, Lisa Baughman, Christine Benefield, Amber Logan, Mel Freeman

1. Call to Order by PJ Valencia
 - a. 5:00 - Introductions made by board members
2. Approval of August 2025 Meeting Minutes: Peggy Valencia
 - a. Motion by Mel Freeman
 - b. Second by Wayland Adams
 - c. Unanimous Approval
3. Treasurer's Report and Approval for: Aug 2025: Amber Logan
 - a. Motion by Steve Shackley
 - b. Second by Mel Freeman
 - c. Unanimous Approval
4. Board Positions: Peggy Valencia
 - a. Membership-Recording Secretary Position Candidate: Christine Benefield
 - i. Motion to Approve by Bonnie Greiner
 - ii. Second by Amber Logan
 - iii. Unanimous Approval
 - b. A new (internal use only) Board Contact list will be going out soon.
 - i. The Website will also be updated.
 - c. Ballot will reflect Current Board Member Positions and unless a member in good standing gives written notice of their wishes to run for a position within 30 days prior to the meeting.
 - i. As per the bylaws, the membership is encouraged not to vote until recommendations/nominations of "members in good standing" from the floor are taken. There will be a place on the ballot for "write-ins".
 - ii. In the absence of nominations from floor or by write-in, the officers and directors recommended by the Board of Directors may be elected by acclamation.
5. **Annual Meeting: 10/21/25 Sandia Presbyterian Church- Main Sanctuary 6-7:30pm**
 - a. Planning:
 - i. 5:30 meet and greet? Refreshments?
 1. Agreed upon by all. Amber will make Cookies.
 2. 5-5:15pm Set-Up.
 - ii. Bylaw updates- Steve Shackley
 1. Copies of updated Bylaws for membership but also will be put on video screen for members to follow.
 - iii. Special Guests:
 1. State Senator Nichole Tobiassian
 2. State Rep. Nichole Chavez
 3. Commissioner Walt Bernson
 - b. Advertising the Annual meeting
 - i. First Posting Date with e-marketing update from President went out 8/22/25 another by 9/21/25
 - ii. Will need signs made and help posting around the neighborhood by 10/7/25
 1. Volunteers agreed to post signs around the neighborhood: Bonnie Greiner, Steve Shackley, Lisa Baughman
6. Old Business: David Neale
 - a. PNM Substation: County Planning Commission Hearing 9/3/25 Update - See President's message for details. **CPC Hearing has been delayed. New date: 12/3/25 @9am**
 - i. A need for in-person supporters at next Hearing.
 - b. On 9/9/25, Peggy Valencia and Mel Freeman meet with PNM representatives.
 - i. PNM will not change anything on the application already submitted to BernCo.

- ii. We were told: NMDOT has jurisdiction over the transmission route along state highways Tramway and PDN. Prior to the application to BernCo, PNM told us they informed NMDOT District 3 about the preferred transmission using Prudent Avoidance of sensitive receptor populations.
- c. On 9/10/25 Peggy Valencia and Wayland Adams had a phone consultation with Attorney Hess Yntema.
 - i. NAACA supports hosting the substation with an important caveat: the preferred transmission line route must apply Prudent Avoidance, which is a strategy to minimize exposure to potential health risks to sensitive receptor populations (NAA preschools, daycares, assisted living facilities)..
 - ii. The NAACA letter of support submitted to BernCo included: application "as written" as a marker to preserve our right to appeal substation if BernCo approves substation and NMDOT does not approve of the "preferred" transmission route following prudent avoidance.
- d. A note of gratitude to David Neale, and Engineering Advisors: Jack Cadogan and Dave Baughman for all the time and energy spent reviewing engineering, attending meetings and informing our community.

7. New Business

- a. Banking - Our banking account is at the basic level with only one contact. We need to have President, Treasurer and our bookkeeper to have access. An upgrade to the Premium business account, will allow multiple users access.
 - i. Motion to Approve by Amber Logan
 - ii. Second by Bonnie Greiner
 - iii. Unanimously Approved
- b. Accounting Software
 - i. We use an online version of Intuit QuickBooks, and the company believes David Neal is the sole owner of the "business" (NAACA). The only way to get him off account is to close current account and open a new account. The fee for QB-Intuit Online is around \$700/year. It allows for multiple users' access (President, Treasurer and Bookkeeper), but we don't use their other main options like banking.
 - ii. Desktop is a program that has no fee and was suggested by our professional bookkeeper. Peggy Valencia is researching the viability of this option.
- c. Peggy Valencia spoke with our attorney (Hess Yntema) and went over our balance sheet/Retainer.

8. Adjournment - 6:20pm

- a. Motion by Steve Shackley
- b. Second by Wayland Adams
- c. Unanimous

Next Meeting: NAACA Annual Meeting Tuesday; 10/21/25 @5:30pm (set-up 5-5:15; cookies & conversation @ 5:30; business meeting starts @ 6pm.