



Motion

New Mexico Public Defender Commission

Raymond Sanchez
Vice Chair

Thomas Joseph Clear, III
Chair

Daniel Banks
Secretary

Justice Richard Bosson, Ret.
Jacqueline Flores
Gina Maestas
Traci Neff

Naomi Salazar
Michael Sanchez
Melissa Sawyers
Peter Schoenburg

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION Minutes of General In-Person Meeting June 7, 2023

I. Call to Order: The General Meeting of the New Mexico Public Defender Commission was called to order by Chair Thomas J. Clear, III, on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 4:13 pm.

II. Roll Call: Public Defender Commissioners
Thomas Clear, Chairman
Vice Chair Raymond Sanchez
Secretary Daniel Banks
Commissioner Justice Richard Bosson, Ret.- Excused
Commissioner Jacqueline Flores
Commissioner Gina Maestas
Commissioner Traci Neff- Excused Commissioner Naomi Salazar
Commissioner Michael Sanchez -Excused
Commissioner Melissa Sawyers – Excused
Commissioner Peter Schoenberg - Excused

III. Introduction of Guests:
Chief Public Defender Bennett Baur
Deputy Chief Phillip Larragoite
Deputy Chief Cydni Sanchez
Deputy Chief Randy Chavez
Deputy Chief Jennifer Barela
Human Resources Director Ronald Herrera
Adrienne Turner, General Counsel
CFO Theresa Edwards

*Approved Unanimously
9-8-2023
Thomas J. Clear, III
Chair*

Training Director Elizabeth Holmes
1ST Judicial District Defender Julie Ball
2ND Judicial District Defender Dennica Torres
3RD Judicial District Defender Kris Knutson
5TH Judicial District Defender (Roswell and Carlsbad) Nate Banks
LFC Analyst Brendon Grey

IV. Adoption of Agenda. Moved by Commissioner Gina Maestas seconded by Commissioner Raymond Sanchez. Motion passed unanimously. (Agenda attached)

V. Adoption of Minutes. Adoption of minutes of the May 19, 2023 General Meeting was moved by Commissioner Dan Banks, seconded by Commissioner Gina Maestas. Motion passed unanimously. (Minutes attached)

VI. Public Comment: There was no Public Comment.

VII. Executive Session: There was no Executive Session

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Budget and Finance Committee: Richard Bosson, chair. Chairman Clear announced we do have a fiscal year '25 budget request presentation that has been provided. Chairman Clear also announced appointments to the Budget committee will be Commissioner Dan Banks and Commissioner Gina Maestas. Commissioner Gina Maestas moved to accept the framework as presented in the fiscal year '25 budget request presentation of the Public Defender Commission June 7, 2023; Seconded by Commissioner Jacqueline Flores. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Clear explained because it's a contractual matter with our Chief Public Defender, he doesn't get any raises or give them pursuant to the state employees getting raises. It is important to reward our Chief Public Defender with an 8% increase to his contract. Moved by Commissioner Dan Banks, seconded by Commissioner Naomi Salazar. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Adjourn Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Gina Maestas, seconded by Commissioner Jacqueline Flores. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:38 pm.