

**CITY OF AZTEC
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday January 7, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Michael A. Padilla Sr. called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm at Aztec City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec NM 87410

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Commissioner Lanier
United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Cortez
New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Cortez

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Commissioner Michael A. Padilla, Sr.; Commissioner Austin Randall; Commissioner Katie Buchholz; Commissioner Jason Cortez; Commissioner Brett Lanier

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: Interim-City Manager Joseph Gonzales; City Clerk Karla Sayler; City Attorney Sofia Flores

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

A. Official Results Report of Regular Local Election of November 4, 2025

City Clerk Karla Sayler informed the commission that Certification of Canvass Results was held and signed by County Commissioners on November 10, 2025.

The Oath of Office for the new commissioners was held at City Hall on December 30, 2025, administered by Carlton Gray, Municipal Judge.

COMMISSION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

A. Election for Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem

MOVED by Commissioner Cortez to select Commissioner Padilla as Mayor; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Commissioner Randall

Commissioner Buchholz
Commissioner Cortez
Commissioner Lanier

Those Voting Nay: None
All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to select Commissioner Cortez as Mayor Pro-Tem; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Mayor Padilla
Commissioner Randall
Commissioner Buchholz
Commissioner Lanier

Those Voting Nay: None

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

B. Appointments of Commissioners to Boards & Committees

After discussion the boards were decided as follows:

Mayor Padilla: Airport, EDAB, Personnel Committee and County Commission Representative

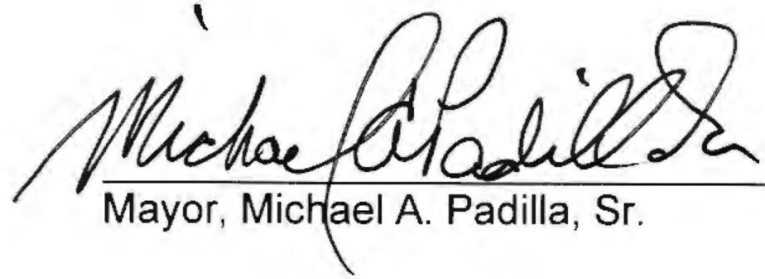
Mayor Pro-Tern Cortez: Library Board, Personnel Committee Alternate MPO, and COG Alternate

Commissioner Randall: Library Board Alternate and LTAB

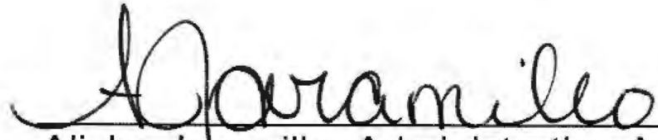
Commissioner Lanier: EDAB, 4CED, San Juan Water Commission, COG and County Commission Representative Alternate

Commissioner Buchholz: Personnel Committee, 4CED Alternate. Northwest NM Seniors, and ECHO

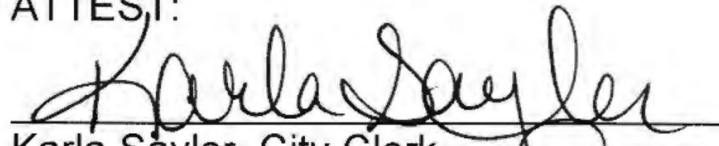
Meeting ADJOURNED at 5:14pm


Mayor, Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:


Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:


Karla Sayler, City Clerk

