

**WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION
FOR THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO
2024 OPEN MEETINGS ACT RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Water Quality Control Commission is a public policy-making body within the State of New Mexico and therefore subject to requirements of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1 to -4; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the legislative intent of the Open Meetings Act and policy of this state that all persons are entitled to the greatest possible information regarding the affairs and actions of our government, public participation must be accommodated, and public notice provided for any meeting in which a quorum is present and discussing business of our public body; and

WHEREAS, the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(D), specifically requires every public body in the state to annually review and decide what additional public notice is reasonable for its meetings, including the methods and timeframe of such notice; and

WHEREAS, all obligations of the Open Meetings Act are followed by our public body, even if not expressly restated in this Resolution; and


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. **Public Notices:** Our notices shall be provided to the public and will include the time, date, location of the meeting, and information on how to obtain a copy of the agenda. Public notices shall be provided, at minimum, through the following methods:
 - A. Posted prominently on our website at: <https://www.env.nm.gov/opf/water-quality-control-commission/>.
 - B. Posted prominently at the following physical location:
Harold L. Runnels Building
1190 St. Francis Drive, Suite N4050
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
 - C. Emailed to any broadcast station and newspaper that have requested in writing to receive notice of our meetings.
 - D. Emailed to individuals who have requested in writing to be added to our email list and receive notice of meetings. Requests to be added to our email list may be sent to pamela.jones@env.nm.gov.
2. **Meeting Agendas:** Our agendas shall be available before every meeting and will include a list of specific items of business to be discussed or voted on. Agenda items shall be written with sufficient description so that the average person can reasonably understand the subject to be discussed and can anticipate when a vote or formal action may occur. Agendas shall be finalized and posted as soon as is practical, but no fewer than seventy-two (72) hours prior to each meeting, and made available through the following methods:
 - A. Posted prominently on our website at: <https://www.env.nm.gov/opf/water-quality-control-commission/>.

- B. Email by sending a request after the notice is posted and at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting to pamela.jones@env.nm.gov.
3. **Regular Meetings:** Our regular meetings are those anticipated to be held on a periodic basis (e.g. weekly, monthly, quarterly) and should be identified annually. Public notice shall be provided as soon as is practicable, but no fewer than ten (10) calendar days prior to a regular meeting.
 4. **Special Meetings:** Our special meetings are those held outside of regular meetings due to unforeseen circumstances or other need warranting an additional meeting. Special meetings should be limited to agenda items that cannot reasonably wait until the next regular meeting. Public notice shall be provided as soon as is practical, but no fewer than seventy-two (72) hours prior to a special meeting.
 5. **Emergency Matters:** Our public body may, under extraordinary circumstances, consider and act on limited emergency matters in a noticed meeting, separate meeting, or through any other collaborative process appropriate under the circumstances pursuant to Section 10-5-1(F). Reasonable efforts shall be made to provide public notice before, when possible, and after any emergency matter is considered, including an explanation at the next meeting of any action taken and the circumstances creating the emergency.
 6. **Inadvertent Quorums:** Our public body shall not discuss business among a quorum outside of a noticed meeting. Situations or events in which a number of our members sufficient to constitute a quorum are present, but which are not convened for the purpose of discussing public policy, such as a social event, do not implicate OMA. However, we will disclose the occurrence of any such situations or events, when practical, during a public meeting to mitigate concerns of noncompliance.
 7. **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice:** In addition to the information specified above, all our notices and agendas shall include the following language:

If you are an individual with a disability or other need requiring a reader, amplifier, interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the meeting, please contact our staff to discuss your accessibility needs at least one week prior, or as soon as possible, by emailing Pamela Jones at pamela.jones@env.nm.gov or calling 505-660-4305.
 8. **Remote Participation:** Our public body allows its voting members to participate remotely when it is difficult or otherwise impossible for the member to attend in person, pursuant and subject to conditions of Section 10-15-1(C) and discretion of the Chair.

ADOPTED this 9th day of January, 2024.

/s/ 

Chair Bruce Thomson

ON BEHALF OF THE

WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION