

SCC Meeting Minutes
McGee Park Convention Center
Farmington, NM
July 12, 2025

(Corrections noted per 9.06.2025 SCC Meeting, Secretary's report.)

I. Call to order Chairwoman Amy Barela 9:01 a.m.

II. Invocation - Drew Degner, San Juan County

III. Pledge - Senator Jay Block, Sandoval County

IV. NM Salutation - Representative Harlan Vincent, Lincoln County

- Moment of silence for the people of Lincoln County who have experienced a lot of loss in the last few weeks.

V. Introduction of Officers - Chairwoman Amy Barela

- 1st Vice Hess Yntema
- 2nd Vice Mike Nelson
- Secretary Kathleen Apodaca
- d. Treasurer Kim Skaggs - not present; serves our party well
- e. CD1 Josh Neal
- f. CD2 Julianne Stroup
- g. CD3 Sharon Clahchischilliage
- h. National Committeeman Senator Jim Townsend
- i. National Committeewoman Tina Dziuk - not present; acknowledged
- j. Ask volunteers for RPNM to stand and be recognized
- k. Introduce Michelle Borgogna, Communications Coordinator

VI. Reading of the Call - Kathleen Apodaca, Secretary

VII. Officer Reports

- a. Secretary's Report - Minutes from 12/7/2024 SCC Meeting (previously distributed)
 - Motion to accept the minutes from 12/7/2024 Meeting - Alan Carter, Roosevelt County
 - 2nd by Sadie Boyer, Taos County
 - Voice Vote: Majority in favor. 1 opposed; 1 abstain; Motion passes
- b. Treasurer's Report - presented by Leticia Munoz-Kaminski
 - Net operating income as of June 30, 2025 = \$100,668.67
- c. National Committeeman - Senator Jim Townsend
 - Congratulations for electing President Trump
 - Unity - pull our efforts together trying to protect the way for our children and our grandchildren
 - President Trump came within 6 points of winning New Mexico (2024)
 - The wind is at our backs. The responsibility is on our shoulders. We have to perform.
- d. National Committeewoman - Pat Cordell, San Juan County Chair read letter from Tina Dziuk

- Focus on voter turnout, voter integrity, messaging, voter ID laws and grass roots mobilization
- Fundraising has reached new heights; Vice President JD Vance Finance Chair
- RNC Grow the Vote engaged low propensity voters; Bank your vote efforts successful
- At RNC, Tina serves on Election Integrity, Faith Advisory and Membership Disputes
- e. Executive Director Report - Leticia Munoz-Kaminski
 - What the Exec Director does for the State Party
 - Manage all operations of the state party
 - Be good partners with the White House, RNC, NRSC, NRCC, all campaigns, counties and both State party leaders
 - Manage all resources that come into the Party
 - Manages all financials
 - Oversees HQs, employees, contractors, communications
 - Update on HQ repairs - making sure all things have been getting done
 - Insurance does not cover all expenses; please continue to give
 - Grand Opening slated for September 6th
- f. Senate Leader Bill Sharer - remarks by Senate Minority Whip Senator Pat Woods
 - Paid Family Leave Bill stopped
 - Clear Horizons bill stopped
 - We need more Republicans elected. This, in turn, will give us more members in Committee
- f. House Leader Gail Armstrong
 - Trending Red
 - We have a Plan. - working with Senate and RPNM - we must be united to get out there and work the plan
 - Red Skelton speech (48 states; no "under God")
 - Stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance
- g. Teresa Barncastle, New Mexico State FRW President
 - NMFRW at almost 1,000 members and hundreds more associate members
 - Recognized members and associate members in the audience
 - Voted in Sierra County yesterday as the newest NMFRW Club
- h. Chairwoman Amy Barela
 - Will work her hardest to flip New Mexico RED
 - Set the tone today for Unity.
 - Time for bold, deliberate change.
 - Rules Committee went around the state to discuss the rules changes to be discussed today.
 - Goal in 2026 to not be bogged down with rules changes.
 - Consider 3 simple truths - We are a community. We are a family. We are building connections that bond and strengthen.
 - Awaken to the abundance and not dwell on scarcity.
 - Leave meeting with united vision.
 - Remain productive, stay focused and keep important goals front and center.
 - We have the momentum, the truth and we have God on our side.
 - Walk out today ready to build it together.

VIII. Credentials Report - Credentials Chair Rachel Martinez

- **156 in-person**
- **123 proxies**
- **279 votes total**

IX. Approval of Special Rules - Hess Yntema, 1st Vice Chair

- Beth Dowling, Sandoval County (from the floor) Friendly Amendment from Beth Dowling (Sandoval County) stressed that every vote matters.
- Show of hands to approve the special rules. Ayes have it; special rules adopted.
- There is no vote on an amendment when it is a friendly amendment.
- Discussion from the floor continued.
- Motion to conduct a re-vote, undo the vote by Bill Rheem, Bernalillo County; 2nd by Representative Rod Montoya, San Juan County
 - Voice vote: All in favor; no nays Ayes have it.
- Debate ensued from floor . . . Robert Aragon, Bernalillo County
 - Discussion of Rule of the Gavel vs. Robert's Rules of Order; includes limit 10 minutes per the speaker
 - Motion for removal of Rule of the Gavel, and insert Robert's Rules of Order in Part A by Robert Aragon, Bernalillo County; 2nd by Albert Schrechengost, Valencia County
 - Vote by Show of Hands. Ayes outnumbered the Nays. Motion passes.
- Janice Arnold-Jones, Bernalillo County
 - Referred to Special Rules D. No new agenda items will be accepted.
 - Concern that there are issues to be brought up that only SCC body may accept.
 - Hess indicated the matter is deemed non germane. USR indicates the agenda items set with the call. Anything outside the call would be outside the rules.
- Motion to close debate by Misty Kanmore, Roosevelt County; 2nd by Alan Carter, Roosevelt County.
 - Voice Vote: Ayes have it. Motion passes. Debate now closed.
- Vote transpires on amending of Special Rules to include "NO" boxes and Robert's Rules of Order in lieu of Rule of the Gavel.
 - Voice Vote: All in favor. No nays. Amendment of Special Rules passes.

X. Review Balloting Procedures for ASRC appointments and USR Proposals -Janice Williams, Ballotarian

XI. Advisory State Rules Committee Appointments (~~requires 2/3 of 279 total votes; 141 votes~~)
Correction: should read: (requires 50% plus (1) one of the members present in person or by proxy; 141 votes) This correction does not change the vote outcome. Discussed 9.06.2025 at SCC meeting, Secretary's report.

- **Jonathon Gardner, Valencia County**
 Attorney
 Part of 3 RNC Delegations
 Has been a Registered Republican since he was 17 and voted Republican every election thereafter
 Previous Interim Co-chair with ASRC
Received 268 confirmed votes

Kay Jaylek, Roosevelt County

Retired teacher from Portales, 42 years
Coached volleyball and track
Received 245 confirmed votes

Rick Lopez, Torrance County - Not present

Chairwoman Amy Barela commented the importance of Rick's history with the Party

Received 217 confirmed votes

Motion to open voting process by Rhonda Vincent, Lincoln County; 2nd Senator Jim Townsend, Eddy County

Voice Vote: All in favor. No nays Voting is open.

Motion to close ballot collection by Karen Bayless, San Juan County; 2nd Mike Starr, Grant County

Voice Vote: All in favor. No nays Ballot collection closed.

XII. Approval of Temporary Committee Chairs - Chairwoman Amy Barela

- Credentials - Rachel Martinez
- Parliamentarian: Hess Yntema
- Sargeant of Arms: Diane Taylor
- Ballotarian: Janice Williams
- Rules and order of business: Jonathan Gardner
- Timekeeper: Robin Morgan

Motion to accept Temporary Committee Chairs by Elise Barela, Otero County; 2nd by Sadie Boyer, Taos County

Voice Vote: All in favor; no nays. Motion passes.

XIII. Proposed Rules Amendments - Chairwoman Amy Barela and 1st Vice Chair Hess Yntema

Proposals previously distributed to attendees.

Discussion - 15 minutes of debate with 1 minute each per speaker. Please state name and county at the microphone.

Proposal 1 to Amend 1-3-4 Electronic Meetings

- Oppose - John Brennen, Valencia County
Hess Yntema responded to adding an amendment today regarding meeting quorum(s). It is outside the scope of the amendment changes we are voting on today. Directed John Brennen to submit recommended change(s) to Rules Committee.
 - Support - Senator Jim Townsend, Eddy County
World is changing around us. We talked about common sense and unity. Can not run an organization today without sometimes having a quick meeting and Zoom allows for that.
 - Oppose - Beth Dowling, Sandoval County
Speaks to all 3 amendments. Calls for counties to be given the opportunity to review the amendments before the meetings. 2 of the amendments were never even on the table.
- Point of Order - Tanya Watkins, Sandoval County - Special Rules changed discussion time limit to 10 minutes per person.
- Oppose - Adeliou Stith, Bernalillo County
Can not build synergy by Zoom

- Support - Alan Carter, Roosevelt County
Sometimes it's tough to make it to all the meetings. 21st Century, sometimes difficult. This process was very upfront. Had an opportunity to get your counties involved. There was no back door approach to these amendments. This was very upfront.
- Oppose - Steven van Horn, Sandoval County
Consider consequences of these changes. State meetings on Zoom is not the issue. Encourage in-person meetings.
Cautions, is this really good for us?
- Support - Misty Kanmore, Roosevelt County
Have had some issues with USRs previously and are now better versed in the rules. Conventions used to be a lot larger. Some people can't afford the time and travel expense. We can take 4 hours on the phone vs. driving 8 hours to attend in person. Her opinion is we would have more attend the meetings if electronic meetings were held.
- Oppose - Burr Dickinson, Bernalillo County
If Zoom meetings are held, this becomes the norm.
He is hard of hearing and in-person meetings are better for him.
- Support - Michael Starr, Grant County
The Zoom option is helpful to smaller, more rural counties to bring people together. For example, there are 4 out of 13 of us here today. No one else could afford to come up here today.
We need this option really bad.

Call to Question - (to close debate) Motion by Alan Carter, Roosevelt County; 2nd (inaudible, unable to identify) Hess mentioned vote requires 2/3 vote. Robert's Rules does not recognize proxies.

- Voice Vote - Verbal ayes; Nays - hands counted, total 80 hands Ayes have it. Debate is closed.

Motion to commence voting on this proposal -Jake Mow, Lincoln County; 2nd Misty Kanmore

- John Brennan, Valencia County - proposes friendly amendment to delete B, but not in its entirety. Recommends a hybrid.
- Point of Order - Senator Jim Townsend, Eddy County - The question has been called. It is not set for an amendment. Vote on the topic. Debate is closed. That is the rule.
- Tanya Watkins, Sandoval County - Is debate not separate from the call the question for closing debate and we voted on that. This is a new motion to amend the amendment.
 - Hess Yntema - Amendments are referred to as secondary motions, so they cannot take primacy over primary motions.
- Josh Neal, Bernalillo County - to clarify, when will the amendment (John Brennan's) be recognized?
- Voting is now open

Motion to close the voting - Carol Parish, Lea County; 2nd Representative Rod Montoya, San Juan County

- Voice Vote - Ayes multiple; 1 Nay Voting closed.

Voting Results for Proposal 1 to Amend 1-3-4 Electronic Meetings

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Received 157 - Proposal 1 fails.

Proposal #2 - Delete in its entirety 1-4-2 Party Officers - Endorsements Prohibited

- Support - Chairwoman Amy Barela, Otero County
Believes in local government. Allows the CCC to rule the County.
- Oppose - Daphne Orner, Bernalillo County
This is bad for Bernalillo because we are big. We don't have a bunch of Republicans in Bernalillo County.
- Support - Senator Jim Townsend, Eddy County
Fully supports this measure. Our issue is to win elections.
Red counties elect Republicans.
Have a county that can't win 1/10th of their elections and they are telling us how to run our counties.
We have mayors and county commissioners in the legislature. If you have a good candidate that is willing to step forward, we should not preclude them from doing that. Numbers matter.
- Opposes - Mark Murton, Bernalillo County
All agree on the mission to elect Republicans.
Transfers power away from the counties.
- Support - Alan Carter, Roosevelt County
This is not telling you (Bernalillo, Sadoval) what to do. You can do what you like within your county and put it in your rules.
Our job as a party is to find candidates, vet candidates and get them elected.
Extend olive branch to Bernalillo and Sandoval counties. We will help you elect and vet Republicans in your counties.
- Oppose - Antony Aemisegger, Sandoval County
Rules Committee Member - we worked very hard on a rule change for this particular rule.
State Executive Committee rejected the Rules Committee recommendation (on this).
- Supports - Carol Parish, Lea County
Allows her CCC to change rules if they choose.
Sees these 2 amendments as double-edged sword.
Example: 3 candidates running for sheriff. Committed to them that these rules pass here and at home. As chair she will stand strong and not choose one over another.
It's not just small counties.
If these don't pass, will lose Board Members because they have candidates they want to support.
- Opposes - Tanya Watkins, Sandoval County
Personally affected by endorsement from a Ward Chair for a Democrat incumbent in a national newspaper, The Washington Post.
You have biased individuals in leadership. Chairwoman Barela has shown her bias by striking this rule.
If we do not have the support of one another, we cannot be successful.
We need success because this state has been overtaken by evil.
We need unbiased leadership with integrity and accountability.
- Support - Misty Kanmore, Roosevelt County
Community wanted education on each one of our candidates.
Counties can adopt a rule in their respective county rules.
We do not make decisions by ourselves. We listen to the community.
We are untying our hands to get the best candidate in place.
This rule has tied our hands.
- Oppose - Steven VanHorn, Sandoval County
The State party has been trying to get rid of this rule for many years.

The reason for the rule is hold back the power from doing something that they ought not. By getting rid of this rule, you're just hoping that they will be ethical.

- Support - Representative Rod Montoya, San Juan County
Scenarios that have happened.
 - Registered Sex Offender (in another state) came to San Juan County as a bail bondsman and ran for Sheriff as a Republican. There was 1 other Republican in the race and we could not endorse that candidate. Only option was that somebody had to step down.
 - Last election cycle had 4 sitting leaders with opposition. Representative Cathrynn Brown, House Ranking Member (Eddy County) 14 years. Eddy County could not endorse her.
 - We need to consider the new state law re: semi-open primaries. Now someone can run and actually undermine the Republican, taking advantage of someone in a blue county where we are trying to get the best Republican. If we don't adopt this proposal, we will really have hamstrung ourselves.

Motion to close the debate - Representative Harlan Vincent, Lincoln County; 2nd Teresa Barncastle, Chaves County

- Hand vote held - Ayes outnumbered nays
- Motion carries. Time to vote.

Point of Order - Kenneth Brennan, Santa Fe County

Re: Robert's Rule and Call to Question procedure

Parliamentarian checked on that; could not locate the procedure as inquired by the Point of Order.

Point of Clarity - Carolyn Stith, Bernalillo County

Are we voting on 2 rules that did not go to the Rules Committee?

Hess Yntema addressed the question. Per the USRs, amendments are submitted to the Rules Committee Chair. Will then be placed on the next call unless the Executive Committee opposes. Under the Rules, the Executive Committee sets the agenda.

Motion to close the voting - Mark Christesson, Eddy County; 2nd Robert Barber, Lincoln County

- Voice Vote: All in favor; no Nays. Voting is closed.

Voting Results Proposal 2 to delete completely 1-4-2 Party Officers - Endorsements Prohibited

Voting Results:

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160 received; Proposal 2 fails.

Proposal #3 - Delete in its entirety 1-4-3 When a Party Officer Becomes A Candidate for Public Office

Chairwoman Amy Barela - we are developing a bench for the RPNM through our Counties. We recruit within from our bench. Our slate is now being punished by this rule.

- Oppose - Beth Dowling, Sandoval County
Her understanding is USRs supersede the county rules. We can not go back to our county and do what we want.
Hess this is not germane to the debate of 1-4-3 at this time.
- Support - Senator Jim Townsend, Eddy County
Common sense issue. We need to win elections.

We can't change anything until we elect more Republicans.

Our job is to build a state party that supports our initiatives. The best person needs to get elected.

- Oppose - Mark Murton, Bernalillo County
This solution conflicts with the entirety of the conflict-of-interest section of the USRs.
Allows people to run at the state level with significant access to county resources to also run for office. This disincentives others from running.
Want candidates to run against their opponent, not against the state party.
- Support - Steve VanHorn, Sandoval County
This is common sense. If you're State Chairman, you're well vetted as a Republican if you want to run for state office. This is not a restriction. We want to encourage all Republicans to run.
- Oppose - Kenneth Brennan, Santa Fe County
If you have a party officer who runs for office, they pretty much already have their finger on the scale.
Alternative - if party officer wants to run for office, an alternative person takes over. If they lose their campaign, they can take their office back. That way you're not tipping the scale.
 - Hess inquired of a motion on this alternative.
 - Motion by Kenneth Brennan, Santa Fe County: Instead of deletion, offer the following amendment " In the event the state chairman or any officer of the Republican State Central Committee files as a candidate for public office and there is another Republican who has filed for the same office, the state officer shall take a temporary leave of absence from the office until the end of the primary election period. Upon completion of the primary election, the officer would resume their position.
 - 2nd Mark Murton, Bernalillo County
 - Motion to Call the question by? not identified; 2nd by? not identified
 - Vote on the motion conducted by Hand vote. Motion passes. Debate is closed.
 - Vote on the amendment itself
 - 68 Ayes; 74 Nays Amendment failed.

Motion to call the question by Senator Jim Townsend, Eddy County; 2nd Representative Rod Montoya, San Juan County

- Hand vote transpires. The question is called. Voting will commence.

Motion to close the ballot: Jacob Mow, Lincoln County; 2nd Mark Christesson, Eddy County

- Voice Vote - Ayes in favor; no nays

Voting Results Proposal 3 to delete completely 1-4-3 When a Party Officer becomes a Candidate for Public Office:

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Received 175; Proposal 3 fails.

XIV. Strategic Plan - Chairwoman Amy Barela

Reviewed the Executive Summary of the Strategic Plan for the Republican Party of New Mexico. (Copies previously distributed to all attendees.)

- Mike Nelson, Sandoval County made the following motion: All of those present shall be counted as casting votes in the affirmative except those who vote against by a show of hands.

- Janice Arnold-Jones, Bernalillo County - This body is with you (referring to Chairwoman Amy Barela). Straight forward motion to adopt this plan. Friendly amendment.
 - Voice Vote: All in favor; no nays

XV. County Pre-Primary Presentation - Susan Rogers and Rhonda Vincent, Lincoln County

Ruidoso, March 6th and 7th, 2026

Rhonda Vincent comments - Lincoln Reagan dinner September 27th, Inn of the Mountain Gods

- John Tiegen, Benghazi Survivor - Keynote Speaker
- Challenges all 33 counties to buy a table
- Support financially. Stand up when it matters most.
- Misty Kanmore, Roosevelt County - Roosevelt County is the first county to buy a table.

XVI. VRA - Leticia Munoz-Kaminski, RPNM Executive Director

- Announce Voter Registration incentivized plan
 - Incentivizes for voter registration agents individually and Counties
 - Launched 7/2/2025 to County Officers
 - Leticia does weekly trainings every Monday night.
- Now at 134K Republican deficit (vs Democrats)
 - Over the last 5 years we have cut this deficit and out-paced the Democrat party registrations.

Chairwoman Amy Barela - Big events coming up. Please support these events.

- Roosevelt County in November.
- Lincoln County in September.
- Eddy County event in August.
- Taos County August 30th.
- Valencia County Golf Tournament in October

Make sure your county events are on our calendar. Published weekly.

Voting Results rules proposals announced by Chairwoman Amy Barela

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Motion to accept all of the voting results: Kenneth Brennan, Santa Fe County; 2nd Nancy Brenna, Valencia County;

- Voice Vote - All in favor; no nays

Chairwoman Amy Barela - RNC is here for training this afternoon. \$50 to attend this training.

XVII. Motion to Adjourn - multiple from attendees; 2nd multiple from attendees

- Voice Vote - all in favor; no nays
- Adjourn - 12:04 p.m.