

OPEN MEETINGS ACT RESOLUTION

of the

Eastern Area Workforce Development Board

WHEREAS, The members of the Eastern Area Workforce Development Board met in regular session in Roswell, NM on June 20, 2017 as required by law; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(B) of the Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1 to 4) states that, except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, council, commission, administrative adjudicatory body or other policymaking body of any state or local public agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the deregulated authority of such body, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Eastern area Workforce Development Board to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Eastern Area Workforce Development Board that:

1. All meetings shall be held at the time indicated in the meeting notice.
2. Board and/or committee meetings shall be held quarterly on the third Tuesday of each month. The agenda for the board meetings will be available at least seventy-two hours prior to the meeting from the Eastern Area Workforce Development Board – Administrative office which is located at 725A 6th Street NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102. Notice of any other regular meetings will be given ten (10) days in advance of the meeting date. The notice shall indicate how a copy of the agenda may be obtained.
3. Special Meetings may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three (3) days notice. The notice shall include an agenda for the meeting and information on how members of the public may obtain a copy of the agenda. The agenda shall be available to the public at least twenty-four hours before any special meeting.
4. Emergency meetings will be called only if unforeseen circumstances arise which demand immediate action in order to protect the health, safety and property of citizens or to protect the public body from substantial financial loss. The Eastern Area Workforce Development Board will avoid emergency meetings whenever possible. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon twenty-four (24) hours' notice, unless threat of personal injury or property damage require less notice. The notice for all emergency meetings shall include an agenda for the meeting and information on how the public may obtain a copy of the agenda.
5. For the purpose of regular meetings described in Paragraph 2 of this resolution, notice requirements are met if notice of the date, time, and location of meeting is placed in two newspapers of general circulation.

6. For the purpose of special meetings or emergency meetings described in Paragraphs 3 and 4 of this resolution, notice requirements shall be met by posting notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting in the NM Department of Workforce Solutions (NMDWS) in Santa Fe.
7. In addition to the information specified above, all notices shall include the following language: "if you are an individual with a disability and require assistance or auxiliary aid, or would like additional information on the agenda for the meeting, please contact Tiffany Roth at 505-343-7612."
8. The Eastern Area Workforce Development Board may close a meeting to the public only if the subject matter of such discussion or action is exempted from the open meeting requirement under Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meeting Act.
 - a. If any meeting is closed during an open meeting, such closure shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Eastern Area Workforce Development Board taken during the open meeting. The authority for the closure and the subjects to be discussed shall be stated with reasonable specificity in the motion for closure and the vote on closure of each individual member shall be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects specified in the motion may be discussed in a closed meeting.
 - b. If the decision to hold a closed meeting is made when the Board is not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provisions of the law authorizing the closed meetings and the subjects to be discussed with reasonable specificity to be given to the members and to the general public.
 - c. Following completion of any closed meeting, the minutes of the open meeting that was closed, or the minutes of the next open meeting if the closed meeting was separately scheduled, shall state whether the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion or notice for closure.
 - d. Except as provided in Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act, any action taken as a result of discussions in a closed meeting shall be made by a vote of the Eastern Area Workforce Development Board in an open public meeting.

Open Meetings Resolution passed by the Eastern Area Workforce Development Board in Roswell, NM on this 20th day of June 2017.

As Approved:

Judith Cooper, Chairperson

June 20, 2017