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**NEW MEXICO STATE ARMORY BOARD**  
**TRANSCRIPT OF TELEPHONIC SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
**January 19, 2021**  
**10:01 a.m.**

REPORTED BY: Jan A. Williams, RPR, NM CCR 14

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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Major General Kenneth A. Nava, Chairman  
Command Sergeant Major Robbie Cantrell, State Command  
Sergeant Major, Secretary  
Colonel Nathaniel L. Carper, Chief of Staff  
Major (Retired) Mark F. Gonzales, Member-at-Large  
Command Sergeant Major (Retired) John B. Torres,  
Member-at-Large  
Colonel (Retired) James T. Keefner, Member-at-Large  
Theresa V. Martinez, Executive Director

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1                   ITEM NO. 1:    CALL TO ORDER

2                   MG NAVA:    I'll just go ahead and call this  
3 Special State Armory Board meeting to order.   The date  
4 is on January 19, 2021.   It's 10:01 a.m.

5                   ITEM NO. 2:    INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

6                   MG NAVA:    Mr. Burney, do we have any guests  
7 that are in attendance for this meeting that you're  
8 aware of?

9                   MR. BURNEY:   None that I'm aware of, sir.

10                  ITEM NO. 3:    INVOCATION

11                  MG NAVA:    Okay.   Sergeant Major Torres, if  
12 you would, would you please lead us in the invocation.

13                  CSM (R) TORRES:   Yes, sir.

14                  (Invocation.)

15                  MG NAVA:    Thank you, Sergeant Major.

16                  ITEM NO. 4:    PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

17                  MG NAVA:    Sergeant Major Cantrell, would you  
18 please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

19                  (Pledge of Allegiance.)

20                  MG NAVA:    Thank you, Sergeant Major.

21                  ITEM NO. 5:    ROLL CALL

22                  MG NAVA:    Mr. Burney, if you would, please  
23 conduct the roll call.

24                  MR. BURNEY:   Chairman General Ken Nava.

25                  MG NAVA:    Here.

1           MR. BURNEY: Executive Director Ms. Theresa  
2 Martinez.

3           MS. MARTINEZ: I'm here.

4           MR. BURNEY: Chief of Staff Colonel Nathaniel  
5 Carper.

6           COL CARPER: I'm here.

7           MR. BURNEY: State Command Sergeant Major  
8 Robbie Cantrell.

9           CSM CANTRELL: Here.

10          MR. BURNEY: Colonel (Retired) James Keefner.

11          COL (R) KEEFNER: Here.

12          MR. BURNEY: Board Member Major (Retired)  
13 Mark Gonzales.

14          MAJ (R) GONZALES: Here.

15          MR. BURNEY: Board Member Command Sergeant  
16 Mayor (Retired) John Torres.

17          CSM (R) TORRES: Here.

18          MAJ (R) GONZALES: Assistant Attorney General  
19 Steve Romero.

20          MR. ROMERO: Here.

21          MR. BURNEY: Okay. Sir, we have 100 percent  
22 attendance for your Board meeting, sir.

23          MG NAVA: Thank you very much, Mr. Burney.

24 Again, to my Board Members, thank you so much for your  
25 dedication and your flexibility. This is a very quick

1 meeting, but it's a Special State Armory Board meeting  
2 that we need to be able to proceed.

3 ITEM NO. 6: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4 MG NAVA: You all have received a copy of the  
5 agenda. If you have it front of you, may I please  
6 have a motion to accept the agenda as published.

7 MS. MARTINEZ: So moved, sir.

8 COL CARPER: This is Colonel Carper. I make  
9 a motion to accept the agenda as published.

10 COL (R) KEEFNER: I second.

11 MG NAVA: So I have a motion from Theresa and  
12 another motion from Colonel Carper and seconded by Jim  
13 Keefner. So thank you all very much. Any further  
14 discussion about the agenda?

15 (No response.)

16 MG NAVA: Mr. Burney, would you conduct a  
17 roll call vote, please.

18 MR. BURNEY: Okay.

19 MR. ROMERO: This is Steve Romero from the  
20 A.G.'s Office. So, yes, you can just do a roll call  
21 vote now, go through the members, and they can vote up  
22 or down. But that way we have it more clear for Jan  
23 and for the record.

24 MG NAVA: Mr. Romero, I appreciate that. I'm  
25 a creature of habit. So we will rehearse it and we

1 will get the logistics of doing a roll call vote kind  
2 of ingrained in everybody's mind. And that's why I'm  
3 asking for a roll call vote for this simple thing of  
4 the agenda.

5 MR. BURNEY: All right, sir. Sorry about  
6 that. Chairman Major General Nava.

7 MG NAVA: Aye.

8 MR. BURNEY: Ms. Theresa Martinez, Executive  
9 Director.

10 MS. MARTINEZ: Aye.

11 MR. BURNEY: Chief of Staff Colonel Nathaniel  
12 Carper.

13 COL CARPER: Aye.

14 MR. BURNEY: State Command Sergeant Major  
15 Robbie Cantrell.

16 CSM CANTRELL: Aye.

17 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Colonel (Retired)  
18 James Keefner.

19 COL (R) KEEFNER: Aye.

20 MR. BURNEY: Board Member (Retired) Major  
21 Mark Gonzales.

22 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Aye.

23 MR. BURNEY: Command Sergeant Major (Retired)  
24 John Torres, Board Member.

25 CSM (R) TORRES: Aye.

1           MG NAVA: Thank you very much. So we have  
2 all 100 percent concurrence with the agenda as  
3 published.

4                   ITEM NO. 8: NEW BUSINESS

5           MG NAVA: We'll move to item 8 under new  
6 business, approval of the grant of waterline easement.  
7 Staff Sergeant Ward.

8           SSG WARD: Yes, sir. So this easement is to  
9 run the water and the gas line up to the facility.  
10 And part of that waterline that we have to run is  
11 further on towards the airport land so that we can  
12 loop the waterline and get enough pressure for the  
13 requirements of the facility that we're -- for the  
14 fire protection that we're adding into that facility.

15           MG NAVA: Okay. Sergeant Ward, just out of  
16 curiosity, why wasn't this taken care of earlier? It  
17 seems like an after-the-fact kind of a thing.

18           SSG WARD: Sir, we were waiting on finalizing  
19 paperwork from not only the contractor, but the city  
20 and the water utility company to get this all lined  
21 out and approved before we presented it to the Board.

22           MG NAVA: All right. Thank you. Board  
23 Members, what questions do you have for Sergeant Ward?

24           MS. SEYAL: General Nava, this is Kelly  
25 Seyal. I would like to add that we anticipated per

1 the contractor getting this paperwork prior to the  
2 previous State Armory Board. And that didn't happen.

3 And the reason that this has a sense of  
4 urgency now is that, in order for us to get the meters  
5 turned on, we need to have these lines run. And the  
6 importance of that is winter.

7 We're concerned that, as we wait for the fire  
8 suppression equipment to arrive, we may have some  
9 freezing challenges if we don't get heat and water  
10 into the facility.

11 MG NAVA: Thank you very much, Kelly. I  
12 appreciate that. So everybody should have in the  
13 documents that Mr. Burney sent out New Mexico Armory  
14 Grant of Waterline Easement, Las Cruces, dated  
15 1/19/2021. Does everybody have a copy of that?

16 (Board Members answer affirmatively.)

17 MG NAVA: Thank you. Could I have a motion  
18 to enter into an agreement and grant this waterline  
19 easement so that we can continue with our military  
20 construction down in Las Cruces.

21 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Sir, I'll make that motion  
22 that we enter into this agreement.

23 COL (R) KEEFNER: I'll second.

24 MG NAVA: Thank you, Mark, for the motion.  
25 We have a second by Mr. Keefner. Any further

1 discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 MG NAVA: Mr. Burney, if you would, please  
4 conduct the roll call vote.

5 MR. BURNEY: Okay. Roll call vote for the  
6 vote on the approval of the waterline easement.  
7 Chairman Major General Kenneth Nava.

8 MG NAVA: Aye.

9 MR. BURNEY: Executive Director Ms. Theresa  
10 Martinez.

11 MS. MARTINEZ: Aye.

12 MR. BURNEY: Chief of Staff Colonel Nathaniel  
13 Carper.

14 COL CARPER: Aye.

15 MR. BURNEY: State Command Sergeant Major  
16 Robbie Cantrell.

17 CSM CANTRELL: Aye.

18 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Colonel (Retired)  
19 James Keefner.

20 COL (R) KEEFNER: Aye.

21 MR. BURNEY: Board Member (Retired) Major  
22 Mark Gonzales.

23 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Aye.

24 MR. BURNEY: Board Member (Retired) Command  
25 Sergeant Major John Torres.

1 CSM (R) TORRES: Aye.

2 MR. BURNEY: Sir, you have ayes from all  
3 Board Members.

4 MG NAVA: Thank you, Mr. Burney. The ayes  
5 have it. Great. That concludes our new business.

6 ITEM NO. 9: OLD BUSINESS

7 MG NAVA: There is no old business to discuss  
8 today.

9 ITEM NO. 10: ANNOUNCEMENTS

10 MG NAVA: I don't have any announcements  
11 other than things are going well with our soldiers and  
12 airmen that are deployed in the National Capital  
13 Region. They're doing great work and representing the  
14 State of New Mexico very well.

15 And all indications are that it will be a  
16 successful mission and they will be home soon. No  
17 expected long-term layover in the National Capital  
18 Region.

19 The State active duty that's happening here  
20 in the State of New Mexico continues to go well. Our  
21 work with DPS and DSHEM is proving to be very  
22 successful. Again we will likely be supporting the  
23 State Legislature throughout the legislative session  
24 in maybe a little bit more significant ways than we  
25 have in the past.

1           So, for example, we are currently working  
2 with DPS to help ensure the security of the capitol  
3 and the governor's mansion. And we are also  
4 anticipating doing some cyber-related support for the  
5 State Legislature. This all seems to be going very  
6 well.

7           Our COVID-19 response, again there is roughly  
8 350 New Mexico National Guardsmen and women who are  
9 assisting with the testing efforts and with the  
10 vaccination efforts on the COVID-19 front.

11           And again the other miscellaneous support  
12 type activities that we were doing at DHSEM,  
13 warehousing support and planning support, continues.  
14 So that's your friendly New Mexico National Guard  
15 update for today.

16           Mr. Burney, when is our next meeting?

17           MR. BURNEY: General Nava, if I may, sir, we  
18 did go out of order for our agenda. We skipped item  
19 No. 7, approval of the minutes for December.

20           MG NAVA: I apologize. You should have  
21 caught me a long time ago. All right.

22           ITEM NO. 7: APPROVAL OF THE  
23           DECEMBER 17, 2020, MINUTES

24           MG NAVA: So the minutes that were published  
25 that Jan transcribed, again there should be no real

1 issues with the minutes as they are an exact  
2 transcription of our meeting. You should have  
3 received that document along with the other documents  
4 that Mr. Burney sent out.

5 Can I please have a motion to accept the  
6 minutes as published.

7 MAJ (R) GONZALES: I'll make that motion,  
8 sir.

9 MG NAVA: Thank you, Mark.

10 CSM (R) TORRES: I second it.

11 COL (R) KEEFNER: I will second that one.

12 MG NAVA: I think we have a second from  
13 Sergeant Major Torres and Mr. Keefner. Any further  
14 discussion about the minutes?

15 MR. BURNEY: Sir, this is Marty again. Just  
16 to follow up on that, I did review the minutes that I  
17 received from the stenographer, Ms. Williams. I did  
18 recommend some corrections to it. And I talked to her  
19 about it this morning. And she is going to get on  
20 those and get them out to me. As soon as I get the  
21 corrected minutes, I will send them out.

22 MG NAVA: Okay. So I'll tell you what,  
23 Marty. If what we have is not an accurate set of  
24 minutes, then we're not going to vote on that set of  
25 minutes.

1 MR. BURNEY: All right, sir. I apologize.

2 MG NAVA: Were there substantive changes to  
3 it?

4 MR. BURNEY: They're not substantial, sir.  
5 They're just typos, name changes. Just typographical  
6 errors, sir.

7 MG NAVA: Okay. Well, I'll tell you what.  
8 We can probably relook at them at our next meeting,  
9 which would have been our normally scheduled meeting,  
10 and not approve them right now. Is that a problem,  
11 Mr. Romero?

12 MR. ROMERO: No, sir. I don't believe so.  
13 If somebody would like to make a motion to table that  
14 until the next meeting to give the Board Members an  
15 opportunity to review the corrections.

16 MG NAVA: I appreciate your help and your  
17 mentoring as we go through these meetings.

18 So rather than approve a set of minutes that  
19 do have some typographical errors, may I please have a  
20 motion to table the approval of the December 17, 2020,  
21 minutes until our next meeting.

22 MS. MARTINEZ: Sir, I move to table the  
23 minutes until the next meeting.

24 MG NAVA: Okay. Do I have a second?

25 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Second.

1 MG NAVA: Okay. Mark Gonzales is a second.  
2 Any further discussion on the minutes?

3 (No response.)

4 MG NAVA: Mr. Burney, please do a roll call  
5 vote.

6 MR. BURNEY: All right, sir. Roll call vote  
7 for tabling the minutes until the next meeting.  
8 Chairman Major General Kenneth Nava.

9 MG NAVA: Aye.

10 MR. BURNEY: Executive Director Ms. Martinez.

11 MS. MARTINEZ: Aye.

12 MR. BURNEY: Chief of Staff Colonel Nathaniel  
13 Carper.

14 COL CARPER: Aye.

15 MR. BURNEY: State Command Sergeant Major  
16 Robbie Cantrell.

17 CSM CANTRELL: Aye.

18 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Colonel (Retired)  
19 James Keefner.

20 COL (R) KEEFNER: Aye.

21 MR. BURNEY: Board Member (Retired) Major  
22 Mark Gonzales.

23 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Aye.

24 MR. BURNEY: Board Member (Retired) Command  
25 Sergeant Major John Torres.

1 CSM (R) TORRES: Aye.

2 MR. BURNEY: Thank you.

3 MG NAVA: Okay. We'll review those minutes  
4 at our next meeting.

5 ITEM NO. 11: NEXT MEETING

6 MG NAVA: When is our next meeting scheduled,  
7 Mr. Burney?

8 MR. BURNEY: March 18 at ten o'clock, sir.

9 MG NAVA: March 18 at ten o'clock. All  
10 right.

11 ITEM NO. 12: CLOSING REMARKS

12 MG NAVA: Everybody, again thank you for your  
13 flexibility, I appreciate it. I'm not in Santa Fe  
14 today. But we can work either on an electronic  
15 signature or a stamp or I can sign it tomorrow, your  
16 preference there, Mr. Ward and Ms. Seyal.

17 MS. SEYAL: Sir, I'll prepare a routing sheet  
18 and send it to Theresa and Sonya and on up to you  
19 today. So I'm sure that tomorrow is fine.

20 MG NAVA: Okay. Very good. Thank you.  
21 Thank you all very much. I appreciate it.  
22 Mr. Burney, thank you. We'll talk to you all on March  
23 18. Hopefully your new year is off to a great start.

24 Can I have a motion to adjourn.

25 MS. MARTINEZ: Sir, I move to adjourn the

1 meeting.

2 CSM CANTRELL: Second.

3 MG NAVA: Sergeant Major seconds. All in  
4 favor say aye.

5 (The Board Members voted unanimously.)

6 MG NAVA: Have a good day. Goodbye.

7 (At 10:18 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.)

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