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**NEW MEXICO STATE ARMORY BOARD**  
**TRANSCRIPT OF TELEPHONIC SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**April 22, 2021**

**10:00 a.m.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Major General Kenneth A. Nava, Chairman

Colonel Nathaniel L. Carper, Chief of Staff

Command Sergeant Major Robbie Cantrell, State Command  
Sergeant Major, Secretary

Theresa V. Martinez, Executive Director

Colonel (Retired) James T. Keefner, Member-at-Large

Major (Retired) Mark F. Gonzales, Member-at-Large

Command Sergeant Major (Retired) John B. Torres,  
Member-at-Large

REPORTED BY: Jan A. Williams, NM CCR 14



1                   ITEM NO. 1:    CALL TO ORDER

2                   MG NAVA:    Good morning.  I have ten o'clock.  
3  I'm not sure who we have on the phone, but we are  
4  going to give this an attempt.  This is General Nava.  
5  We'll be calling this special State Armory Board  
6  meeting to order.

7                   ITEM NO. 2:    INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

8                   MG NAVA:    So if we could, in as orderly a way  
9  as we can, those of you on the phone, try not to step  
10 on each other.  But please introduce who is on the  
11 phone.

12                  CSM (R) TORRES:  Sergeant Major Torres.

13                  MG NAVA:    Thank you, Sergeant Major Torres.

14                  MAJ (R) GONZALES:  Mark Gonzales.

15                  COL (R) KEEFNER:  This is Jim Keefner.

16                  MG NAVA:    Thank you, Mark.  Thank you, Jim.  
17 Anybody else on the phone?

18                  MS. SEYAL:    Kelly Seyal.

19                  MR. BASS:    Good morning, General Nava.  This  
20 is James Bass from DHSEM, Kelly Hamilton, and Major  
21 Flowers.

22                  MG NAVA:    Thank you, James, Kelly, Major  
23 Flowers.  Who else is on there?

24                  CPT RUIZ:    Good morning, sir.  Captain Ruiz  
25 is on the line.

1 MG NAVA: Captain Ruiz, thank you.

2 MR. ROMERO: Good morning, sir. Steve Romero  
3 from the Attorney General.

4 MG NAVA: Thank you, Steve.

5 CSM CANTRELL: Sergeant Major Cantrell, sir.

6 MG NAVA: Thank you, Sergeant Major. Kelly  
7 Seyal, are you with us?

8 MS. SEYAL: Yes, sir. That was me earlier.

9 MG NAVA: Thank you, Kelly. I've got two  
10 Kellys on here so that's good.

11 So as far as guests that we have, we have  
12 James, Kelly, and Major Flowers who are not regular  
13 attendees of our State Armory Board. Again we have  
14 the folks that have identified themselves. We'll go  
15 through the roll call here in just a few minutes.

16 Is there anybody else on the phone that has  
17 not identified themselves to this point?

18 LTC DIPOUR: Sir, Colonel Dipour is on the  
19 line.

20 MG NAVA: Thank you, Colonel Dipour.

21 LTC WHITE: Sir, Lieutenant Colonel White is  
22 on the line.

23 MG NAVA: Thank you, Lieutenant Colonel  
24 White. I look forward to the day when we get back to  
25 having our State Armory Board in person so we can see

1 everybody's bright smiling faces. Anybody else on the  
2 line that has not identified themselves to this point?

3 (No response.)

4 ITEM NO. 3: INVOCATION

5 MG NAVA: Okay. Sergeant Major Torres, if  
6 you could please lead us in the invocation.

7 (Invocation.)

8 MG NAVA: Thank you, Sergeant Major.

9 ITEM NO. 4: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

10 MG NAVA: Sergeant Major Cantrell, if you  
11 would, please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
12 Everybody stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and then  
13 we'll come back on.

14 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

15 MG NAVA: Thank you, Sergeant Major,  
16 appreciate it.

17 ITEM NO. 5: ROLL CALL

18 MG NAVA: Mr. Burney, if you would, please  
19 lead us in a roll call.

20 MR. BURNEY: All right, sir. Will do.  
21 Chairman Major General Kenneth Nava.

22 MG NAVA: Here.

23 MR. BURNEY: Executive Director Ms. Theresa  
24 Martinez.

25 MS. MARTINEZ: Here.

1 MR. BURNEY: Chief of Staff Colonel Nathaniel  
2 Carper.

3 COL CARPER: Here.

4 MR. BURNEY: State Command Sergeant Major  
5 Robbie Cantrell.

6 CSM CANTRELL: Present.

7 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Colonel (Retired)  
8 James Keefner.

9 COL (R) KEEFNER: Here.

10 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Major (Retired)  
11 Mark Gonzales.

12 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Here.

13 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Command Sergeant  
14 Major (Retired) John Torres.

15 CSM (R) TORRES: Here.

16 MR. BURNEY: All Board Members are present  
17 and accounted for.

18 MG NAVA: Thank you.

19 ITEM NO. 6: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

20 MG NAVA: If everybody would, you should have  
21 in front of you or you should have been emailed a copy  
22 of the agenda for today's meeting. I would entertain  
23 a motion to approve the agenda as published.

24 MS. MARTINEZ: So moved, sir.

25 MG NAVA: Okay. A motion by Ms. Martinez.

1 COL CARPER: I second that motion, sir.

2 MG NAVA: Seconded by Colonel Carper. Would  
3 you please conduct a roll call vote, Mr. Burney.

4 MR. BURNEY: Yes, sir. Chairman Major  
5 General Kenneth Nava.

6 MG NAVA: Aye.

7 MR. BURNEY: Executive Director Ms. Theresa  
8 Martinez.

9 MS. MARTINEZ: Aye.

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

12 COL CARPER: Aye.

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

15 CSM CANTRELL: Aye.

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

18 COL (R) KEEFNER: Aye.

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

21 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Aye.

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

24 CSM (R) TORRES: Aye.

25 MG NAVA: Very good. So we have unanimous

1 approval of the agenda as published.

2 ITEM NO. 7: APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 18, 2021, MINUTES

3 MG NAVA: Item No. 7 on our agenda is  
4 approval of the March 18, 2021, minutes. Do we have a  
5 motion to approve the minutes as published by Ms. Jan?

6 MS. MARTINEZ: So moved.

7 MG NAVA: A motion by Ms. Martinez.

8 COL CARPER: Second the motion.

9 MG NAVA: Seconded by Colonel Carper.

10 Mr. Burney, if you would, please conduct a roll call  
11 vote.

12 MR. BURNEY: Yes, sir. Chairman Major  
13 General Kenneth Nava.

14 MG NAVA: Aye.

15 MR. BURNEY: Executive Director Ms. Theresa  
16 Martinez.

17 MS. MARTINEZ: Aye.

18 MR. BURNEY: Chief of Staff Colonel Nathaniel  
19 Carper.

20 COL CARPER: Aye.

21 MR. BURNEY: State Command Sergeant Major  
22 Robbie Cantrell.

23 CSM CANTRELL: Aye.

24 MR. BURNEY: Board Member James Keefner.

25 COL (R) KEEFNER: Aye.

1 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Mark Gonzales.

2 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Aye.

3 MR. BURNEY: Board Member John Torres.

4 CSM (R) TORRES: Aye.

5 MG NAVA: Thank you all very much. So we  
6 have our minutes that were so nicely done.

7 ITEM NO. 8: NEW BUSINESS

8 MG NAVA: Going to item 8 under new business,  
9 we have 8 A, a vote by location for divestment of  
10 Readiness Centers: Clayton, Carlsbad, Deming,  
11 Espanola, Hobbs, Lordsburg, Portales, and Santa Rosa.

12 Ms. Seyal, if you would, please lead us  
13 through this discussion.

14 MS. SEYAL: Good morning, General and Members  
15 of the Board. As you recall at our last meeting,  
16 General Nava gave a very good description of each of  
17 the locations that are potential for us to divest.

18 At this meeting we would seek the Board's  
19 approval for the command leadership to begin  
20 negotiation with the various locations to see if we  
21 may be able to effect divestment of these properties.

22 I did want to provide just a little  
23 information that I don't recall that we provided last  
24 time with regard to the occupants.

25 So just for everyone's information, Carlsbad

1 is currently occupied by the State Police; Clayton by  
2 the sheriff; Deming is used by the City of Deming;  
3 Espanola currently is being used by the Department of  
4 Health; and Lordsburg has the sheriff. The other  
5 locations we don't have outside occupants.

6 And information that we just recently  
7 received in the last week with regard to potentially  
8 expanding other locations that we have in the state --  
9 we're in contact with our folks up there with regard  
10 to these expansions that we would like to have.

11 And we were told that, until we divest  
12 ourselves of some of these properties that we are not  
13 using, we will not be approved for such projects. So  
14 I just wanted to add that as maybe a little extra  
15 information.

16 Other than that I wonder if there are any  
17 questions for me with regard to any of these  
18 locations.

19 MG NAVA: Okay. We probably need to go  
20 through each of them one at a time.

21 COL CARPER: Sir, if I may, I would like to  
22 make a motion to start the divestment of the Clayton  
23 Readiness Center.

24 MG NAVA: Okay. So we have a motion from  
25 Colonel Carper to specifically work on Clayton. I

1 don't know that we need a motion right now. We'll  
2 talk about Clayton. Are you making a motion to  
3 divest?

4 COL CARPER: Divest.

5 MG NAVA: Okay. We'll get to the discussion  
6 part. So we have a motion by Colonel Carper to divest  
7 the Clayton Readiness Center. Do I have a second?

8 MS. MARTINEZ: I second.

9 MG NAVA: We have a second by Ms. Martinez.  
10 Board Members, at this time I would like some  
11 discussion over Clayton. So what are your questions  
12 or what are your discussion points over Clayton?

13 COL (R) KEEFNER: I have none.

14 MG NAVA: Thank you, Jim. Sergeant Major  
15 Torres or Major Gonzales, do you have any questions  
16 over Clayton?

17 MAJ (R) GONZALES: No, sir.

18 CSM (R) TORRES: No, sir.

19 MR. ROMERO: Sir, this is Assistant  
20 A.G. Romero. I just had a quick point of  
21 clarification. I remember, and I have my notes from  
22 last time, that for some of these the Board has an  
23 agreement with the municipality or local government.  
24 And some of these we own outright and I think we're  
25 contemplating donating back to the local governments.

1           The ones that we're contemplating donating to  
2 a government body, you know, will require Board of  
3 Finance approval. Of course, the Board can vote to  
4 drive on the divestment, you know. But that will be  
5 part of the process for those armories that we own and  
6 that we intend to donate to another government agency.

7           MG NAVA: Absolutely. Yeah, exactly. Great  
8 point. I think what we're trying to get past,  
9 Mr. Romero, is the hurdle to be able to notify those  
10 municipalities that we have the intent to divest it to  
11 see whether or not they're even interested.

12           And so I think that that's really what we're  
13 looking for, because what we would require once this  
14 Board, you know, states its intention to divest the  
15 armory, their local municipality would have to  
16 reciprocate that with a motion from whatever their  
17 governing body is, saying that they would like to  
18 receive it.

19           And so I think that's really the part we're  
20 trying to get over right now. I understand that  
21 ultimately the final approval does need to go to the  
22 Board of Finance to work through all those wickets.

23           MR. ROMERO: Roger, sir.

24           MG NAVA: So, Board Members, reference  
25 Clayton then. I have a motion to divest it. I have a

1 second. Last call for any further discussion or  
2 questions reference Clayton?

3 (No response.)

4 MG NAVA: I hear none. Okay. Mr. Burney, if  
5 you would, please conduct a roll call vote.

6 MR. BURNEY: Okay, sir. Chairman Major  
7 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 James Keefner.

19 COL (R) KEEFNER: Aye.

20 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Mark Gonzales.

21 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Aye.

22 MR. BURNEY: Board Member John Torres.

23 CSM (R) TORRES: Aye.

24 MG NAVA: Okay. Thank you all very much. So  
25 we can proceed with the notification in Clayton's

1 case. Ms. Seyal, it is the Village of Clayton that  
2 owns this property?

3 MS. SEYAL: Yes, sir. And currently we have  
4 a 55-year lease with them through 2047.

5 MG NAVA: Okay. Very good. Thank you.  
6 Let's move to the next one, Carlsbad.

7 COL CARPER: Sir, I make a motion that we  
8 divest the Carlsbad Readiness Center.

9 MG NAVA: Okay. We have a motion to divest  
10 the Carlsbad Readiness Center made by Colonel Carper.

11 MS. MARTINEZ: I second.

12 MG NAVA: We have a second by Ms. Martinez.  
13 Board Members, discussion over Carlsbad, questions?

14 (No response.)

15 MG NAVA: Okay. Again the State Armory Board  
16 is the owner of Carlsbad. And I believe that our  
17 preferred course of action here is to not divest the  
18 Carlsbad Armory to the community but rather do a  
19 transfer to GSD and allow the State Police to continue  
20 their occupancy of that facility.

21 But again that's secondary to what we're  
22 talking about right now. So right now it's just a  
23 motion by the State Armory Board to divest Carlsbad.

24 Mr. Burney, if you would, please conduct the  
25 roll call vote on that motion.

1           MR. BURNEY: Okay, sir. Chairman Major  
2 General Kenneth Nava.

3           MG NAVA: Aye.

4           MR. BURNEY: Executive Director Ms. Theresa  
5 Martinez.

6           MS. MARTINEZ: Aye.

7           MR. BURNEY: Chief of Staff Colonel Nathaniel  
8 Carper.

9           COL CARPER: Aye.

10          MR. BURNEY: State Command Sergeant Major  
11 Robbie Cantrell.

12          CSM CANTRELL: Aye.

13          MR. BURNEY: Board Member Colonel (Retired)  
14 James Keefner.

15          COL (R) KEEFNER: Aye.

16          MR. BURNEY: Board Member Major (Retired)  
17 Mark Gonzales.

18          MAJ (R) GONZALES: Aye.

19          MR. BURNEY: Board Member Command Sergeant  
20 Major (Retired) John Torres.

21          CSM (R) TORRES: Aye.

22          MG NAVA: Okay. Thank you very much. So we  
23 have passed this motion to divest the Carlsbad  
24 Readiness Center.

25                 Moving to Deming.

1 COL CARPER: Sir, I make a motion that we  
2 divest the Deming Readiness Center.

3 MG NAVA: We have a motion by Colonel Carper  
4 to divest the Deming Readiness Center.

5 MS. MARTINEZ: I second.

6 MG NAVA: We have a second by Ms. Theresa  
7 Martinez.

8 Ms. Seyal, I have a question for you  
9 regarding the historical aspect of the Deming  
10 Readiness Center. Have we looked at what the  
11 implications are of the historical aspect of the  
12 Deming Readiness Center and what divestment might mean  
13 to us?

14 MS. SEYAL: General Nava, unfortunately I am  
15 not prepared to answer that question. Captain Ruiz,  
16 do you have any information with regard to the  
17 historical aspects of the Readiness Center?

18 CPT RUIZ: Sir, madam, I do not at this time.  
19 I would have to look further into that. I have not.  
20 I apologize.

21 MG NAVA: No problem.

22 MS. SEYAL: Sir, if you would like, we can  
23 gather some information and provide it. But  
24 unfortunately we wouldn't be able to do it during the  
25 course of the State Armory Board, this particular

1 meeting.

2 MG NAVA: So the Deming Readiness Center for  
3 everyone's edification has the remnants, the ruins, if  
4 you will, of a wall that existed around the original  
5 Deming Armory that was occupied during the Columbus  
6 raid.

7 It is historical property. There are  
8 considerations that need to be taken into account with  
9 respect to that Readiness Center. And I think we need  
10 to kind of fully run that to ground.

11 It is being currently used with a lease to  
12 the City of Deming. I would imagine that again, with  
13 all the activity currently happening along the border,  
14 our southern border, they may get some activity later  
15 on this year. But that is something that probably  
16 needs to get resolved.

17 Mr. Burney, if you would, please conduct the  
18 roll call vote regarding the divestment of the Deming  
19 Readiness Center.

20 COL CARPER: Sir, if I may, as a point of  
21 order, may I amend my motion?

22 MG NAVA: Let's go ahead and run through the  
23 roll call vote of it and then we'll look into the  
24 motion. Go ahead.

25 MR. BURNEY: Chairman Major General Kenneth

1 Nava.

2 MG NAVA: Nay.

3 MR. BURNEY: Executive Director Ms. Theresa  
4 Martinez.

5 MS. MARTINEZ: Nay.

6 MR. BURNEY: Chief of Staff Colonel Nathaniel  
7 Carper.

8 COL CARPER: Nay.

9 MR. BURNEY: State Command Sergeant Major  
10 Robbie Cantrell.

11 CSM CANTRELL: Nay.

12 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Colonel (Retired)  
13 James Keefner.

14 COL (R) KEEFNER: Nay.

15 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Major (Retired)  
16 Mark Gonzales.

17 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Nay.

18 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Command Sergeant  
19 Major (Retired) John Torres.

20 CSM (R) TORRES: Nay.

21 MG NAVA: So thank you. We do need to figure  
22 this out and make sure that there isn't an issue.  
23 There may not be an issue. But I want to have that  
24 question answered before we make final recommendations  
25 regarding Deming. So thank you all for that.

1 MS. SEYAL: Sir, this is Kelly. We will have  
2 that information available prior to the meeting of the  
3 next State Armory Board.

4 MG NAVA: Thank you, Kelly.

5 Moving on to Espanola.

6 COL CARPER: Sir, I make a motion that we  
7 divest Espanola.

8 MG NAVA: Okay. I have a motion by Colonel  
9 Carper to divest the Espanola Readiness Center.

10 MS. MARTINEZ: I second.

11 MG NAVA: I have a second by Ms. Martinez.  
12 Board Members, what are your questions regarding  
13 Espanola or discussion items?

14 (No response.)

15 MG NAVA: Okay. Hearing no issues or  
16 questions or discussion regarding Espanola,  
17 Mr. Burney, if you would, please conduct a roll call  
18 vote on the Espanola Readiness Center.

19 MR. BURNEY: Okay. Chairman Major General  
20 Kenneth Nava.

21 MG NAVA: Aye.

22 MR. BURNEY: Executive Director Ms. Theresa  
23 Martinez.

24 MS. MARTINEZ: Aye.

25 MR. BURNEY: Chief of Staff Colonel Nathaniel

1 Carper.

2 COL CARPER: Aye.

3 MR. BURNEY: State Command Sergeant Major  
4 Robbie Cantrell.

5 (No response.)

6 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Colonel (Retired)  
7 James Keefner.

8 COL (R) KEEFNER: Aye.

9 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Major (Retired)

10 Mark Gonzales.

11 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Aye.

12 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Command Sergeant  
13 Major (Retired) John Torres.

14 CSM (R) TORRES: Aye.

15 MG NAVA: Sergeant Major Cantrell, what is  
16 your vote on Espanola?

17 CSM CANTRELL: Aye, sir.

18 MG NAVA: Thank you. Very good.

19 Moving on to Hobbs.

20 COL CARPER: Sir, I make a motion that we  
21 divest the Hobbs Readiness Center.

22 MS. MARTINEZ: Second the motion.

23 MG NAVA: We have a motion by Colonel Carper  
24 and a second by Ms. Martinez.

25 Board Members, what are your questions or

1 discussion regarding the Hobbs Readiness Center?

2 (No response.)

3 MG NAVA: Hearing none, Mr. Burney, if you  
4 would, please conduct a roll call vote on Hobbs.

5 MR. BURNEY: Chairman Major General Kenneth  
6 Nava.

7 MG NAVA: Aye.

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

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 Major (Retired)  
21 Mark Gonzales.

22 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Aye.

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

25 CSM (R) TORRES: Aye.

1 MG NAVA: Okay. Thank you very much.

2 Moving to Lordsburg.

3 COL CARPER: Sir, I make a motion that we  
4 divest the Lordsburg Readiness Center.

5 MS. MARTINEZ: I second.

6 MG NAVA: We have a motion by Colonel Carper  
7 and a second by Ms. Martinez that we divest the  
8 Lordsburg Readiness Center.

9 Board Members, what are your questions or is  
10 there any discussion regarding the Lordsburg Readiness  
11 Center?

12 (No response.)

13 MG NAVA: Hearing none, Mr. Burney, if you  
14 would, please conduct a roll call vote on the  
15 Lordsburg Readiness Center.

16 MR. BURNEY: Yes, sir. Chairman Major  
17 General Kenneth Nava.

18 MG NAVA: Aye.

19 MR. BURNEY: Executive Director Ms. Theresa  
20 Martinez.

21 MS. MARTINEZ: Aye.

22 MR. BURNEY: Chief of Staff Colonel Nathaniel  
23 Carper.

24 COL CARPER: Aye.

25 MR. BURNEY: State Command Sergeant Major

1 Robbie Cantrell.

2 CSM CANTRELL: Aye.

3 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Colonel (Retired)

4 James Keefner.

5 COL (R) KEEFNER: Aye.

6 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Major (Retired)

7 Mark Gonzales.

8 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Aye.

9 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Command Sergeant

10 Major (Retired) John Torres.

11 CSM (R) TORRES: Aye.

12 MG NAVA: Thank you for that.

13 Moving to Portales.

14 COL CARPER: Sir, I make a motion that we

15 divest the Portales Readiness Center.

16 MS. MARTINEZ: I second.

17 MG NAVA: We have a motion by Colonel Carper

18 and a second by Ms. Martinez to divest the Portales

19 Readiness Center.

20 Board Members, what are your questions or do

21 you have any discussion regarding the Portales

22 Readiness Center divestment?

23 (No response.)

24 MG NAVA: Hearing none, Mr. Burney, if you

25 would, please conduct a roll call vote on Portales.

1           MR. BURNEY: Okay. Chairman Major General  
2 Kenneth Nava.

3           MG NAVA: Aye.

4           MR. BURNEY: Executive Director Ms. Theresa  
5 Martinez.

6           MS. MARTINEZ: Aye.

7           MR. BURNEY: Chief of Staff Colonel Nathaniel  
8 Carper.

9           COL CARPER: Aye.

10          MR. BURNEY: State Command Sergeant Major  
11 Robbie Cantrell.

12          CSM CANTRELL: Aye.

13          MR. BURNEY: Board Member Colonel (Retired)  
14 James Keefner.

15          COL (R) KEEFNER: Aye.

16          MR. BURNEY: Board Member Major (Retired)  
17 Mark Gonzales.

18          MAJ (R) GONZALES: Aye.

19          MR. BURNEY: Board Member Command Sergeant  
20 Major (Retired) John Torres.

21          CSM (R) TORRES: Aye.

22          MG NAVA: Okay. Thank you for that.

23          Moving on to Santa Rosa.

24          COL CARPER: Sir, I make a motion that we  
25 divest the Santa Rosa Readiness Center.

1 MS. MARTINEZ: I second.

2 MG NAVA: We have a motion by Colonel Carper  
3 and a second by Ms. Martinez to divest the Santa Rosa  
4 Readiness Center.

5 Board Members, what are your questions or is  
6 there any discussion reference the Santa Rosa  
7 Readiness Center?

8 (No response.)

9 MG NAVA: Hearing none, Mr. Burney, if you  
10 would, please conduct a roll call vote on the Santa  
11 Rosa Readiness Center divestment.

12 MR. BURNEY: Okay. Chairman Major General  
13 Kenneth Nava.

14 MG NAVA: Aye.

15 MR. BURNEY: Executive Director Ms. Theresa  
16 Martinez.

17 MS. MARTINEZ: Aye.

18 MR. BURNEY: Chief of Staff Colonel Nathaniel  
19 Carper.

20 COL CARPER: Aye.

21 MR. BURNEY: State Command Sergeant Major  
22 Robbie Cantrell.

23 CSM CANTRELL: Aye.

24 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Colonel (Retired)  
25 James Keefner.

1 COL (R) KEEFNER: Aye.

2 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Major (Retired)  
3 Mark Gonzales.

4 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Aye.

5 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Command Sergeant  
6 Major (Retired) John Torres.

7 CSM (R) TORRES: Aye.

8 MG NAVA: Okay. Thank you for that. So as  
9 Mr. Romero correctly noted, this is not the end of  
10 this process, this is really just the beginning of  
11 this process.

12 And again I have led a leadership team from  
13 the command group here with the New Mexico National  
14 Guard to have discussions previously with the City of  
15 Espanola, the City of Santa Rosa, and the City of  
16 Hobbs, indicating to them that we were considering  
17 this by our State Armory Board.

18 What I would like to do now is allow them --  
19 of course, they are obviously able to access our  
20 minutes. But let them know officially that we've had  
21 this vote. And then allow them to have the  
22 discussions within their respective city councils as  
23 to what they intend to do about our intention here.

24 And we'll begin this dialogue back and forth  
25 between our G9 team and our State program folks and

1 these cities to kind of work through this divestment  
2 process packet, which will eventually end up at the  
3 Board of Finance for ultimate approval. Okay. So  
4 thank you all very much for that.

5 We're moving now to item 8 B, update on the  
6 93rd Troop Command uncashed checks. Mr. Burney.

7 MR. BURNEY: All right. On March 19 I  
8 received an email from Major Brendon Hischar, the new  
9 LAB POC for the 93rd Brigade. He sent me an email  
10 with a picture of eight checks from AT&T per our lease  
11 with them to utilize our water tower for their cell  
12 equipment mounted on our water tank on the Onate  
13 Complex.

14 These checks were never deposited to the LAB  
15 account for the 93rd Brigade. I went back and checked  
16 the bank statements. There was no deposit ever made  
17 of them.

18 And also, if you'll notice, these checks are  
19 missing January of 2020. The check was never found,  
20 it was not in the drawer, Major Hischar never found  
21 it. So that one we have no idea. But there was no  
22 deposit for January 2020 as well.

23 I have attempted to contact AT&T via phone  
24 numbers that I've found. The only phone number I have  
25 they do not monitor. So we've been emailing back and

1    forth constantly.

2                   I think I finally have a point of contact.  
3    We're working, but it's I need this, I need that.  
4    Anyway, back and forth for a long time. We're making  
5    progress to get these reissued. So I think we're  
6    making progress. It's going to take some time to get  
7    these checks reissued.

8                   MG NAVA: All right. This is a little snafu.  
9    We have in the room with us Major Hischar. Can you  
10   assure for me that this is not going to happen again.

11                   MAJ HISCHAR: Absolutely, sir. It will not  
12   happen again. I'm going to pick up the next check  
13   today. There are actually more checks than that, sir.  
14   I deposited the ones that I could.

15                   There was something to the tune of \$18,000  
16   left sitting on the table. I did successfully deposit  
17   about \$6,000. I was concerned about potential  
18   liability to myself because they have a 180 days  
19   expiration. So I was concerned about knowingly  
20   attempting to deposit an expired instrument. And it  
21   absolutely will not happen again.

22                   MG NAVA: Very good. Mr. Burney, thank you  
23   for helping the 93rd work through this and get this  
24   resolved. Again the goal here is that we generate  
25   funds through our Local Armory Boards and our State

1 Armory Board for the use of our facilities. And  
2 having them all stuck in a drawer really is not what  
3 we want to do. Thank you.

4 Anything else on the update to these 93rd  
5 Troop Command uncashed checks?

6 MS. MARTINEZ: Sir, I have a question. As  
7 the State Armory Board, is there any action that we  
8 take towards the Local Armory Board that was there  
9 when this happened? Because we do have the same rules  
10 and regs that we follow as a State agency. So I don't  
11 know if there's anything we can do as the State Armory  
12 Board.

13 MG NAVA: I think we can probably talk  
14 offline. So right now my biggest concern is that we  
15 don't leave \$11,000 out there in la-la land. Let's  
16 get that resolved. And then we can talk maybe at our  
17 next meeting about some action that we need to do or  
18 whatever, we can talk offline and figure that out.

19 MS. MARTINEZ: Yes, sir.

20 MG NAVA: Okay. Anything else on this,  
21 Mr. Burney?

22 MR. BURNEY: No, sir. I keep Larry informed  
23 of everything I do. So I'm going to work on this.  
24 And it's just frustrating when you talk to somebody on  
25 the phone and they won't give us a phone number. So

1 we're doing everything we can.

2 MG NAVA: All right. Thank you. Moving to  
3 item 8 C on our agenda, which is DHSEM request to add  
4 a shelter on the north side of their building. Again  
5 we have Mr. Bass, we have Deputy Secretary Kelly  
6 Hamilton, and we have Major Flowers, New Mexico  
7 National Guard Major Flowers, on the line.

8 Mr. Bass, if you would, will you please go  
9 through your presentation to the State Armory Board.

10 MR. BASS: Roger that, sir. Good morning,  
11 General Nava and Members of the Board. This morning  
12 DHSEM is requesting authorization to build a 20,000  
13 square foot warehouse on the northeast side of our  
14 building covering approximately three acres.

15 In a five-year window, we would like to have  
16 this project completed. Ideally we would like to have  
17 it completed by the end of the year.

18 MG NAVA: Okay. So the location that you are  
19 proposing this structure at, our G9, Ms. Seyal and her  
20 team, looked at that location?

21 MR. BASS: Yes, sir. That they have.

22 MG NAVA: And this is the location that they  
23 recommended?

24 MR. BASS: Yes, sir.

25 MS. SEYAL: Sir, this is Kelly Seyal. We had

1 the environment team as well as the maintenance team  
2 walk the area with the DHSEM crew. We have looked at  
3 floodplain and a variety of other issues that might  
4 have impacted the site.

5 We also looked at the current blacktop roads  
6 that lead in both from the main gate and the secondary  
7 gate to see how they might facilitate positioning of  
8 their facility.

9 We've had our GIS team put together a  
10 location map for them to include an access and egress  
11 road to the facility as well as appropriate parking  
12 structures.

13 And to prepare for their construction without  
14 putting us into any situation where we're committed to  
15 something, we have sent out tribal consultation  
16 letters to just make sure that there would not be any  
17 issue with the tribes or with other New Mexico State  
18 agencies should this move forward.

19 MG NAVA: Thank you, Kelly. Mr. Bass, so  
20 again we see that this structure is pretty large. I  
21 see 200 feet by 80 feet, two structures. Can you  
22 describe the construction for us.

23 MR. BASS: Yes, sir. So it will be a  
24 concrete slab 80 feet wide by 435 feet with a loading  
25 dock at the northeast end as well as a K-turn for

1 semis to off-load at that loading dock. And closer to  
2 DHSEM there would be a driveway extending in from our  
3 facility into a parking area into the actual tent.

4 The tent structure is like an elastic shelter  
5 that we have used in previous deployments for the  
6 military. It is hard canvas. And it does have  
7 insulation, air-conditioning, and power running to  
8 this facility along with these facilities.

9 This is basically two tents 70 feet by 200  
10 feet end to end. And we'll have facilities  
11 interjecting in between the two tents.

12 MG NAVA: What is the life expectancy of  
13 these tents?

14 MR. BASS: The life expectancy I believe is  
15 warranted for 20 to 30 years, sir.

16 MG NAVA: Okay. Twenty to 30 years? The  
17 utilities are going to be pulled from the existing  
18 beams at the end of the structure?

19 MR. BASS: Yes, sir. That it will be. And  
20 the utility costs will also be put into our annual  
21 budget.

22 MG NAVA: Okay. So the utilities will be  
23 covered by DHSEM. What type of material will be  
24 stored in these tents?

25 MR. BASS: The materials will be supplies for

1 all State agencies that need housing for their  
2 supplies such as our supplies and DOH supplies.  
3 Mainly it will be the stockpile for PPE.

4 MG NAVA: Okay. And the equipment that is  
5 currently in the Espanola Armory, would this be a  
6 place that that equipment could go?

7 MR. BASS: Yes, sir.

8 MG NAVA: Okay. Excellent. Mr. Bass, I  
9 jumped right in the middle of your presentation. Is  
10 there anything else in your presentation that you feel  
11 that the Board Members need to know before I allow  
12 them to start asking questions of you?

13 MR. BASS: As well, sir, the consideration  
14 for the locals, we did a viewing for what the site  
15 would look like from their area. It will be a minimal  
16 aspect from their view that will not take away any  
17 siting.

18 And then also the lighting for the exterior  
19 lighting would be aimed towards the building and down.  
20 So giving them their privacy and not interrupting  
21 their areas, sir.

22 MG NAVA: Thank you. That's a concern that's  
23 often arisen, especially with our friends in Taos with  
24 light pollution. So I appreciate you all looking at  
25 that.

1           Board Members, what questions do you have for  
2 Mr. Bass?

3           COL CARPER: Sir, I understand it can last up  
4 to 20 to 30 years. Is the expectation to actually use  
5 it for 20 to 30 years, is that the mission for this?

6           MR. BASS: Yes, sir. That it is. And at any  
7 time the DHSEM decides to depart the area, the  
8 National Guard would be able to use that facility for  
9 its own needs at no cost.

10          MG NAVA: Well, I don't think that we're ever  
11 going to see you guys leave. You guys are like the  
12 tenants that we can't get rid of there, Mr. Bass. I'm  
13 just kidding.

14          Okay. Other questions for Mr. Bass or Deputy  
15 Secretary Hamilton?

16          CSM CANTRELL: Sir, Sergeant Major Cantrell.  
17 Excuse my ignorance. But what's the location of this?

18          MG NAVA: It is the north side of the DHSEM  
19 facility that they have right now. They are two  
20 tents, 70 by 200, in straight lines with each other  
21 running parallel to I-25.

22          CSM CANTRELL: So, sir, are they on the Onate  
23 compound?

24          MR. NAVA: That's right.

25          CSM CANTRELL: So the two questions that I

1 would have is what's the impact to our physical  
2 fitness areas in that area and then the second was is  
3 there any impeding of our 88M course that might  
4 utilize that gate?

5 MG NAVA: No and no. So the area is in the  
6 field just north of their building, Sergeant Major.  
7 They're not impacting our 88M driving area at all.

8 And again this is not a training area or  
9 training piece of land that we currently utilize for  
10 anything. And it is a site that was recommended by  
11 our G9 folks.

12 So there's a two-mile loop that goes around  
13 DHSEM. I mean, if there's a vehicle, obviously you're  
14 not going to run through a vehicle. But it's minimal  
15 impact, Sergeant Major.

16 CSM CANTRELL: Thank you, sir.

17 MG NAVA: Okay. Board Members, do I have a  
18 motion to allow DHSEM to -- I'm sorry. Mr. Bass, I do  
19 have one more question maybe for the edification of  
20 the Board Members.

21 So you mentioned that you want a five-year  
22 window. I think I'm fine with that. But then you  
23 mentioned that your intent was to try to get it built  
24 this year. How do you guys intend to get it built  
25 this year?

1           MR. BASS: Right now, sir, we have quotes  
2 from contractors off the installation, coordination  
3 with FEMA, to try to get this purchased in eight to  
4 ten weeks, if possible.

5           MG NAVA: So you're looking at FEMA funding  
6 as a result of the COVID response to be able to get  
7 this done in the next several months?

8           MR. BASS: Yes, sir. That is correct.

9           MG NAVA: Okay. All right. Board Members,  
10 again the request from DHSEM is that they be allowed  
11 to construct this facility to store the PPE for the  
12 State of New Mexico, the federal medical set equipment  
13 that we received from FEMA during our COVID response,  
14 and any additional equipment that they have from DHSEM  
15 as well as any other State agencies that have that  
16 type of material that needs to be stored at this  
17 facility.

18           Do I have a motion to accept their request or  
19 to deny the request, what is the pleasure of the  
20 Board?

21           MS. MARTINEZ: I so move to approve the  
22 request, sir.

23           MG NAVA: Ms. Martinez has a motion to  
24 approve the request.

25           CSM CANTRELL: Second.

1           MG NAVA:   Seconded by Sergeant Major  
2 Cantrell.  I have a motion and a second.  Any further  
3 discussion?

4           (No response.)

5           MG NAVA:  Mr. Burney, hearing no further  
6 discussion, can you please conduct a roll call vote.

7           MR. BURNEY:  Okay, sir.  Chairman Major  
8 General Kenneth Nava.

9           MG NAVA:  Aye.

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

12          MS. MARTINEZ:  Aye.

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

15          COL CARPER:  Aye.

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

18          CSM CANTRELL:  Aye.

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

21          COL (R) KEEFNER:  Aye.

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

24          MAJ (R) GONZALES:  Aye.

25          MR. BURNEY:  Board Member Command Sergeant

1 Major (Retired) John Torres.

2 CSM (R) TORRES: Aye.

3 MG NAVA: Thank you for that. Mr. Bass, if  
4 you would, Kelly, if you would, please inform  
5 Secretary Ortiz Wertheim that the New Mexico State  
6 Armory Board has approved your request to do this. We  
7 look forward to being good neighbors and getting this  
8 thing up so that it looks professional and tidy.

9 And we appreciate, even though I'm giving you  
10 a hard time, you being tenant partners here with us at  
11 the New Mexico National Guard Training Center.

12 MR. BASS: Copy that, sir. Thank you and the  
13 Board for your time and consideration.

14 MG NAVA: Very good. Thank you.

15 Moving up to item 8 D, landscaping around the  
16 New Mexico National Guard Museum. Colonel Carper.

17 COL CARPER: Yes, sir. Good morning, sir,  
18 and Board Members. I make a proposal this morning to  
19 request up to \$3,500 from the State Armory Board to  
20 conduct some facility cleanup around the New Mexico  
21 National Guard Museum.

22 Some of the background is we conducted a  
23 reopening of the museum on 5 April. We are currently  
24 using our personnel to try to clean this up. After  
25 coming out of the year, the museum has a little bit of

1 COVID hair with the trees and the shrubberies and  
2 such. It is extensive as far as the cleanup that  
3 we're looking at.

4 Right now we have two quotes outstanding from  
5 Sequoia Landscaping and Accent Landscaping. We don't  
6 know the value of those quotes yet. If it's 2,500 or  
7 less, we will use the Local Armory Board and we will  
8 not have a request of the State Armory Board.

9 But if it's more than \$2,500, in accordance  
10 with the State Armory Board, we have to request it  
11 here. That's the background of why I'm making this  
12 request now in abeyance, because, if not, we will not  
13 have another report until June. And I don't feel that  
14 we need to wait that long to conduct that cleanup.

15 MS. MARTINEZ: I move to approve the request.

16 MG NAVA: All right. Just a little  
17 discussion here regarding the museum. As you all  
18 know, the New Mexico National Guard, the Department of  
19 Military Affairs, and the New Mexico State Legislature  
20 have all contributed significantly to us really making  
21 that museum look very, very nice.

22 As Colonel Carper mentioned, on the 5th of  
23 April, we had our not so grand reopening. Obviously  
24 it was more of a soft opening with the COVID  
25 restrictions that are still in place here in New

1 Mexico.

2 But the place needs to be tidy. It is the  
3 New Mexico Military Museum. That's the way we're  
4 billing it, that's the way we're marketing it.

5 And we all know that, when you walk onto a  
6 military installation, one of the things that  
7 impresses everyone is how manicured everything is, how  
8 dress right dress everything is, how beautiful the  
9 shrubbery is, how beautiful the grass is. And that is  
10 not what our museum looks like at this point.

11 So I appreciate, Colonel Carper, you bringing  
12 this to the State Armory Board for consideration. He  
13 didn't even finish speaking his last sentence and we  
14 had a motion from Ms. Martinez to accept his proposal.

15 Do I have a second to Ms. Martinez's motion  
16 to accept the request for \$3,500 to take care of  
17 landscaping around the New Mexico Military Museum?

18 CSM (R) TORRES: Second.

19 COL (R) KEEFNER: Second.

20 MG NAVA: I got a second from Sergeant Major  
21 Torres. Thank you. And I think I got a third from  
22 Jim Keefner. Mr. Burney, if you would, please conduct  
23 a roll call vote.

24 MR. BURNEY: Chairman Major General Kenneth  
25 Nava.

1 MG NAVA: Aye.

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

4 MS. MARTINEZ: Aye.

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

7 COL CARPER: Aye.

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

10 CSM CANTRELL: Aye.

11 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Colonel (Retired)  
12 James Keefner.

13 COL (R) KEEFNER: Aye.

14 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Major (Retired)  
15 Mark Gonzales.

16 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Aye.

17 MR. BURNEY: Board Member Command Sergeant  
18 Major (Retired) John Torres.

19 CSM (R) TORRES: Aye.

20 MG NAVA: Thank you very much for that.

21 ITEM NO. 9: OLD BUSINESS

22 MG NAVA: We have nothing listed on our  
23 agenda under old business.

24 ITEM NO. 10: ANNOUNCEMENTS

25 MG NAVA: Moving to item No. 10,

1 announcements. I have a couple of announcements.

2 One, I would like to announce that I am the proud  
3 grandfather of my fourth grandchild.

4 She has an odd name. I guess kids these  
5 days, they really like having unique names. So my  
6 son, not being one to disappoint, this young lady's  
7 name is Navy James Nava, Baby Navy Nava.

8 She is beautiful. She is seven pounds, 11  
9 ounces, something like that. Mama is healthy and baby  
10 is healthy. And we will be going out to Arizona this  
11 weekend to meet our new granddaughter.

12 If you notice in the news, this week we have  
13 a lot of activity happening with our law enforcement  
14 partners. I'm taking the opportunity as many times as  
15 I can to just give a statement of support to our law  
16 enforcement brothers and sisters that are out there.

17 Again we had a verdict earlier this week in  
18 Minneapolis that, you know, it's our justice system at  
19 work. But I want to just reiterate that we have some  
20 great Americans out there, some great people that are  
21 out there protecting us every single day.

22 And these are good police officers, good  
23 sheriffs' deputies, good people that are out there.  
24 And I just want to take this opportunity to lend my  
25 support, thoughts, and prayers to the law enforcement

1 officers that are out there protecting our  
2 communities.

3 ITEM NO. 11: NEXT MEETING

4 MG NAVA: So our next meeting, Mr. Burney, is  
5 going to be scheduled when?

6 MR. BURNEY: June 17.

7 MG NAVA: June 17 at ten o'clock. If all  
8 things continue churning the way that they are,  
9 hopefully the State of New Mexico will be in a much  
10 better state with respect to COVID. And so I would  
11 like to plan for that meeting to be an in-person  
12 meeting.

13 And so is there a recommendation from the  
14 Board Members of a part of the state that you would  
15 like to go to?

16 Ms. Seyal, when is the ribbon cutting for the  
17 Las Cruces AASF, the limited AASF?

18 MS. SEYAL: Sir, we are still tracking a July  
19 certificate of occupancy. We are standing by for the  
20 delivery of the fire pump, and that's kind of what's  
21 holding the entire show up. We anticipate that it  
22 will be delivered early to mid-June and an install  
23 will be pretty quick. But we are literally at the  
24 mercy of that delivery.

25 MG NAVA: Okay. Even without a certificate

1 of occupancy, could we still tour the facility?

2 MS. SEYAL: Yes, sir. We can make  
3 arrangements for the facility to be opened up and for  
4 there to be a tour at any time that the Board Members  
5 would like.

6 MG NAVA: Okay. So I would like the Board  
7 Members who have been doing such great work on behalf  
8 of the State Armory Board to be able to see that  
9 beautiful facility. It's been some time since I've  
10 seen it.

11 So, Board Members, we will coordinate to the  
12 best of our ability military air for those that would  
13 require it and/or ground transportation for those that  
14 would prefer to go by ground to get us down there for  
15 a Las Cruces meeting on June 17. Is that acceptable  
16 to the Board Members?

17 (Affirmative responses.)

18 MG NAVA: All right. So our meeting will be  
19 held on June 17 at the existing Las Cruces Armory  
20 unless we get a certificate of occupancy sooner and  
21 can actually do it in that building. But we will  
22 include as part of the agenda a tour of the new  
23 construction in Las Cruces. All right.

24 ITEM NO. 12: CLOSING REMARKS

25 MG NAVA: I guess I did my closing remarks

1 already during the announcements. Do I have a motion  
2 to adjourn our meeting?

3 MR. BURNEY: Excuse me, sir. For the June  
4 meeting, just so everyone knows it, we will be doing  
5 the Open Meetings Act again?

6 MG NAVA: Right.

7 MR. BURNEY: And also do you want a  
8 semiannual LAB, because normally we do the semiannual,  
9 right?

10 MG NAVA: Yeah.

11 MR. BURNEY: Do you want LAB presentations?

12 MG NAVA: Yes. So, Mr. Romero, if you're  
13 still with us, we're going to require your help to  
14 make sure that we have the Open Meetings Act training  
15 for our Board Members. If you're not, whoever is  
16 going to take over for you, if they could help us out  
17 with that.

18 MR. ROMERO: Roger.

19 MG NAVA: Yes. We will have Local Armory  
20 Board presentations at that meeting.

21 Thank you, Marty.

22 Now may I have a motion to adjourn the  
23 meeting.

24 MS. MARTINEZ: So moved.

25 MG NAVA: We have a motion by Ms. Martinez.

1 COL CARPER: Second.

2 CSM (R) TORRES: Second.

3 MG NAVA: A second by Colonel Carper and  
4 Sergeant Major Torres. No vote required, everybody  
5 just give a voice vote.

6 (The Board Members voted unanimously.)

7 MG NAVA: Thank you. Have a great day,  
8 everybody. And I'll send you a picture of Baby Navy  
9 Nava.

10 (At 11:00 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.)

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