ENMWUA Special Board Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, October 21st, 2026

LOCATION: ENMWUA Headquarters, 5140 N. Prince St, Clovis, NM 88101

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

The meeting commenced with roll call. The following were in attendance:

Board Members

In-person: Chairman Morris, Member Merrick, Secretary Bryant, Member Garza, Member Dixon

Virtual:

Absent: Vice Chair Lucero

Member Merrick arrived at the meeting at 1:05 pm.

Member Garza departed the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Staff and ENMWUA Vendors (In-person)

ENMWUA Staff: Acting Executive Director Jacquelynn Bowens, Grant Manager Victoria Gonzales, Office Manager Elizabeth Ramos, and Finance Clerk Celeste Southerland

ENMWUA Vendors: ENMWUA Attorney: Kameron Barnett

ENMWUA Vendors (Virtual)

Public Attendees (In-person or Virtual)

Eastern New Mexico News: Robin Fornoff

3. Invocation

Chairman Morris delivered an invocation prior to the commencement of the Board meeting.

4. Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the New Mexico Flag

Chairman Morris led the Board members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Salute to the New Mexico Flag.

5. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was unanimously approved.

Result:	**Approved by Vote (5-0)**

Ayes: 5 **Nays: 0**

6. Approval of Minutes

a) The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Thursday, September 17th, 2026, at 2:00 pm at the ENMWUA Headquarters, 5140 N. Prince St., Clovis, NM, 88101.

Result:	Approved by Vote (5-0)
Ayes: 5	
Nays: 0	

7. Public Input

The Board received no public input.

8. Executive Session †, ‡

a) The Board may convene in closed session to discuss a limited personnel matter related to the Executive Director, as allowed by §10-15-1 (H)(2), (NMSA 1978)†

A motion to move into executive session was unanimously approved.

Result:	Approved by Vote (5-0)
Motion: **Secretary Bryant**	
Second: **Member Garza**	
Ayes: 5	
Nays: 0	

b) Exit Executive Session ‡

A motion to move out of executive session at 2:18 pm was unanimously approved.

Result:	Approved by Vote (5-0)
Motion: **Secretary Bryant**	
Second: **Member Dixon**	
Ayes: 5	
Nays: 0	

c) Action, if any, on the closed session Agenda item – An such action will be taken in open session.

Chairman Morris motioned for the Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority to terminate the employment and employment agreement of Executive Director, Mark Howl, effective October 31st, 2026. The Chairman further motioned the authorization of the Chairman, in consultation with legal counsel, to provide written notice of the Board's decision and to take all necessary administrative actions to implement the termination.

Result:	Approved by Vote (5-0)
Motion: **Chairman Morris**	
Second: **Secretary Bryant**	
Ayes: 5	
Nays: 0	

14. Future Agenda Items

a) Next Regular Meeting, Date, Time, and Location: October 29th, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Elida Community Center, 704 State St, Elida, New Mexico 88116.

15. For the Good of the Order

16. Adjournment

The meeting officially adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

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Mike Morris, Chairman

Chris Bryant, Secretary