



RIO METRO
REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Friday, January 16, 2026

12:00 p.m.

809 Copper Ave. N.W., Albuquerque, NM 87102

(Meeting will be Hybrid)

Zoom instructions below

AGENDA

Call to Order

The presence of a quorum will be noted.

Approval of the January 16, 2026 Agenda

Tab 1

Approval of the December 19, 2025 Action Summary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone who wishes to address the RMRTD Board must register with the Secretary of the Board (via email to bthomas@mrcog-nm.gov) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

FINAL ACTION ITEMS

Tab 2

Election of Officers 2026-27

DISCUSSION / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Tab 3

Director's Report/Comments

OTHER BUSINESS AND NOTES

Next Scheduled Meeting: Friday, February 20, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

Anyone requiring special accommodations is requested to notify Barbara Thomas at (505) 247-1750 or bthomas@mrcog-nm.gov at least three days prior to the meeting.

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Topic: RMRTD BOD 01.16.26

Time: Jan 16, 2026 12:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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RIO METRO
REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT

RMRTD Board of Directors (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)

ACTION SUMMARY

Friday, December 19, 2025

12:00 noon

809 Copper Ave. N.W.

Hybrid Meeting

Steven Tomita, Chair

Tammy Fiebelkorn, Vice Chair

| ORGANIZATION | | MEMBER | | ALTERNATE |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|--------|---|
| Bernalillo County | | Adriann Barboa , Commissioner | | Tyson Patterson Richard Meadows |
| | | Barbara Baca , Commissioner | X | Margarita Archibeque Richard Meadows |
| | | Walt Benson , Commissioner | X | Elias Archuleta Rodrigo Eichwald |
| Sandoval County | | Michael Meek , Commissioner | | Amy Griffin |
| Valencia County | | Joseph Bizzell , Commissioner | | Orlando Montoya |
| City of Albuquerque | X | Louis Sanchez , Councilor | | Brandon MacEachen Jeff Hertz |
| | | Dan Champine , Councilor | X | Tom Menicucci Elaine Romero |
| | | Dan Lewis , Councilor | X | Giselle Alvarez Tom Menicucci |
| | | Joaquin Baca , Councilor | | Jeff Hertz Nathan Molina Aziza Chavez |
| | X | Tammy Fiebelkorn , Councilor, Vice Chair | | Sean Foran |
| | | Patrick Montoya , Mayor's Office | | |
| City of Belen | X | Steven Tomita, Chair | | Roseann Peralta |
| City of Rio Communities | X | Art Apodaca , Councilor | | |
| City of Rio Rancho | X | Bob Tyler , Councilor Deborah Dapson , Councilor Jeremey Lenentine , Councilor | X X | Peter Wells B.J. Gottlieb |
| Town of Bernalillo | | Jack Torres , Mayor | X | Troy Martinez |
| Village of Bosque Farms | | Chris Gillespie , Mayor | | |
| Village of Corrales | X | Mel Knight | | Zachary Burkett |
| Village of Los Lunas | | Michael Jaramillo | X | Brittany Armijo |
| Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque | X | Lawrence Rael , Mayor | | Frank Reinow |
| ASSOCIATE MEMBERS | | | | |
| Isleta Pueblo | | Vacant | | Vacant |
| NON-VOTING ADVISORY MEMBERS | | | | |
| ORGANIZATION | | MEMBER | | ALTERNATE |
| NCRTD | | | | Nicholas Sofoul |

MRCOG STAFF PRESENT

Dewey Cave, Barbara Thomas, Conni Vigil, Tony Sylvester, Grant Brodehl, Robert Gonzales, Matthew Wylie, Brandee Pacheco-Martinez, Josi Vigil, Tanya Blewett, Karen Mullins

AGENDA

Call to Order

Chair Steven Tomita, City of Belen, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and the roll was called. See attendance sheet above. A quorum was not present at that time.

Approval of Agenda of December 19, 2025

Action Taken:

Councilor Tammy Fiebelkorn, City of Albuquerque, made a motion to:

APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 19, 2025

The motion was seconded by Mayor Lawrence Rael, Village of Los Ranchos, and passed unanimously with fifteen in favor and none opposed.

Tab 1 **Approval of August 15, 2025 Action Summary**

Action Taken:

Councilor Fiebelkorn made a motion to:

APPROVE THE ACTION SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 15, 2025

The motion was seconded by Mayor Rael and passed unanimously with fifteen in favor and none opposed.

Tab 2 **Approval of October 17, 2025 Action Summary**

Action Taken:

Councilor Fiebelkorn made a motion to:

APPROVE THE ACTION SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 17, 2025

The motion was seconded by Mayor Rael and passed unanimously with fifteen in favor and none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tab 3 There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Tab 4 **Approval of Disposition of RMRTD Vehicles**

R-26-02
RMRTD

Liz Carter, RMRTD staff member, reported that the RMRTD Property Disposal Standing Committee met on December 12, 2025 and reviewed and recommended for disposal the

vehicles listed in the agenda packet. Ms. Carter noted that the East Mountain Animal Rescue and Safe Place Animal Rescue will each take one of the vehicles. Ms. Carter stood for questions.

Action Taken:

Mayor Rael made a motion to:

APPROVE THE DISPOSITION OF RMRTD VEHICLES AS OUTLINED IN THE AGENDA

The motion was seconded by Councilor Fiebelkorn and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Tab 5
R-26-03
RMRTD

Approval of RMRTD Agency Safety Plan-Bus

Karen Mullins and Joshua Martinez, RMRTD staff members, presented the Bus Safety Plan and stood for questions.

Action Taken:

Councilor Fiebelkorn made a motion to:

APPROVE THE RMRTD AGENCY SAFETY PLAN-BUS AS PRESENTED

The motion was seconded by Mayor Rael and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Tab 6

Approval of Amendment to the Executive Director's Employment Agreement

It was noted that this is the 9th amendment to Director Cave's Employment Agreement and includes a 5% increase as January 1, 2026 and will be in place until December 31, 2026.

Action Taken:

Councilor Fiebelkorn made a motion to:

APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED

The motion was seconded by Mayor Rael and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Tab 7

Nomination of Officers

Director Cave noted that typically the vice-chair steps into the position of chair and a new vice chair is chosen.

Action Taken:

Mel Knight, Village of Corrales made a motion to:

NOMINATE COUNCILOR FIEBELKORN AS CHAIR AND LAWRENCE RAEAL AS VICE CHAIR.

The motion was seconded by Tom Menicucci, City of Albuquerque, and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tab 8

Director's Report/Comments

Director Cave reported on marketing activities of the RMRTD such as Santa on the Rails and noted that the on-going property issues will be resolved in the next couple of months. Discussions regarding Rio Metro and Albuquerque Transit are underway and the position of Executive Director will be advertised in January or March. The RMRTD Finance Committee will report back to the full Board.

Director Cave thanked the Board for their continued support and Mayor Rael thanked Chair Tomita for his support as chair of the RMRTD Board.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Steven Tomita, Chair
Rio Metro Regional Transportation Board

ATTEST:

Dewey V. Cave, Executive Director



TAB 2

STAFF ANALYSIS OF Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair

The Rio Metro Governmental Unit Contract describes the process for the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board in Section 3 E 1 b. Selection of Board Chair; and Section 3 E 2 b. Selection of Board Vice-Chair:

The names of those nominated shall be voted upon by successive ballots until a nominee receives a majority vote of the Directors in attendance. At the conclusion of each ballot when no nominee has received a majority vote, the nominee receiving the lowest vote total shall be eliminated from successive ballots.