



## RESOLUTION NO. 2009-02

**WHEREAS**, the Torrance County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at the Torrance County Administrative Offices on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. 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 otherwise provided in the Constitution of the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, council, commission, administrative adjudicatory body or other policy making 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 delegated authority of such body, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

**WHEREAS**, any meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action occurs shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Torrance County Commission to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Torrance County Commission:

1. All meetings shall be held at the Torrance County Courthouse at 9:00 A.M. or as indicated in the meeting notice.
2. Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings shall be held twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday. The agenda will be available at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting from the County Manager, whose office is located in Estancia, New Mexico. Notice of any other regular meetings will be given ten 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 twenty-four (24) hours notice. The notice shall include an agenda for the meeting or 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.

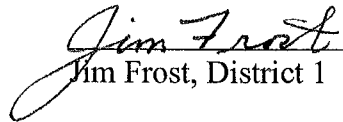
4. Emergency meetings will be called only under unforeseen circumstances which demand immediate action to protect the public body from substantial financial loss. The Torrance County Commission will avoid emergency meetings whenever possible. Emergency meetings will be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon a four 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 purposes of regular meetings described in paragraph 2 or the resolution, notice requirements are met if notice of the date, time, place, and agenda is placed in a newspaper of general circulation in the State and posted in the following locations: Torrance County Administrative Offices. Copies of the written notice shall also be mailed to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspapers of general circulation which have made a written request for notice of public meetings.
6. For the purposes of special meetings and emergency meetings described in paragraph 3 and 4 of this resolution, notice requirements are met if notice of the date, time, place, and agenda is provided by telephone to newspapers of general circulation and posed in the Torrance County Courthouse, Telephone notice also shall be given to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and the newspapers of general circulation that have made a written request for notice of public meetings.
7. In addition to the information specified above, all notices shall include the following language:


If you an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the Torrance County Manager's Office at 205 9<sup>th</sup> Street Room 12 Estancia, NM 87016 (505)246-4752 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Public documents, including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats. Please contact the Torrance County Clerk's Office at 205 9<sup>th</sup> Street Room 1 Estancia, NM 87016 (505)246-4735 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.
8. The Torrance County Commission 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 Meetings Act.

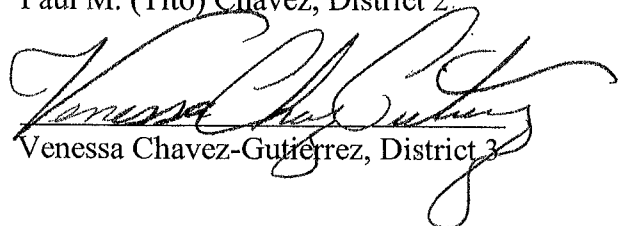
- (a) If any meeting is closed during an open meeting, such closure shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Torrance County Board of Commissioners taken during the open meeting. The authority for the closure and the subjects to be discussed shall be stated with reasonable specificity in the motion to close and the both of each individual member on the motion to close 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 Torrance County Board of Commissions are not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating provision of law authorizing the closed meeting and the subjects to be discussed with reasonable specificity is 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 meetings 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 vote of the Torrance County Board of Commissioners in an open public meeting.

**PASSED** by the Torrance County Board of Commissioners on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

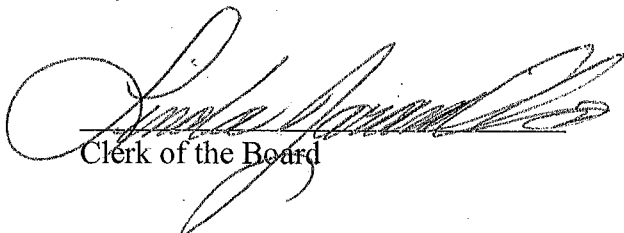
**Torrance County Commission**

  
Jim Frost, District 1

  
Paul M. (Tito) Chavez, District 2

  
Venessa Chavez-Gutierrez, District 3

Attest:

  
Clerk of the Board