



CULTURAL PROPERTIES REVIEW COMMITTEE

New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs

Historic Preservation Division

Cultural Properties Review Committee

Special Committee Meeting

HPD Conference Room, Santa Fe, NM

Hybrid Meeting Via Zoom

Friday, March 7, 2025

2:00PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Toya called the Cultural Properties Review Committee to order at 2:02pm. Ms. Socorro Salazar took the roll call, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Committee Members:

Mr. Ronald Toya (Chair)---- In person
Dr. Kelly Jenks (Vice Chair) ---Via Zoom
Dr. Audra Bellmore (Secretary)--- Absent
Dr. Matthew Bandy--- Via Zoom
Dr. Hannah Mattson--- Absent
Mr. Francisco Uviña --- Via Zoom
Mr. Robert Martinez---Via Zoom
Mr. Garron Yepa---Absent
Ms. Elizabeth Suina--- Via Zoom

Others Present Via Zoom:

Doug Boggess
Rebecca Quay
Autumn Bergh
Dr. Deborah Huntley
Rene Martin

Staff Present:

Jessica Badner, State Archaeological Permits & New Mexico State SiteWatch Coordinator
Socorro Salazar, Budget Manager

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Mr. Martinez made a **motion** to **approve** the agenda as **submitted**. Member Dr. Jenks **seconded** the **motion**. The Chair inquired if there was any further discussion, not hearing any, inquired the CPRC for any objections to the motion, hearing none, the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

- a. February 14, 2025

Member Mr. Martinez made a **motion** to **approve** the minutes from February 14, 2025, as written. Dr. Jenks **seconded** the **motion**. The Chair inquired if there was any further discussion, not hearing any, inquired the CPRC for any objections to the motion, hearing none, the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

4. PERMIT MATTERS

Dr. Jenks acknowledged the members of the committee and stated since the subcommittee did not meet prior to the meeting we will review these as we would of in the subcommittee meeting with some discussion/questions.

- a. Applicants for a **Reissued 3-year 2025-2027 General Investigation Permit:**
 - i. Epsilon System
 - ii. Dinétahdóó Cultural Resource Management
 - iii. Jornada Research Institute
 - iv. Tetra Tech

Discussion:

Epsilon System –There was no groundstone, the glaze and allowance for glaze paint, and Mexican imported wares on these form, and this is something you would find here in New Mexico.

Member Dr. Bandy **motioned** that **Epsilon System receive their permit upon receipt of recommended revisions to the satisfaction of staff** for a **Reissued 3-year 2025-2027 General Investigation Permit**.

Member Dr. Jenks **seconded** the **motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Socorro Salazar initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

Discussion:

Dinétahdóó Cultural Resource Management – The ARMS and curation agreements are missing and Rena Martin is the only person on the SHPO Directory as a Supervisor Archaeologist, and she would have to be physically present for all field work.

Rene Martin commented will review package and make sure all required documents are provided. The work is mainly on the Navajo Reservation and if it happens to cross state lands or BLM Lands is the only time we are off the reservation. She commented that she is always on the projects and is also a PI for some of the larger companies only because of her years of experience in the Northwest.

Member Dr. Bandy **motioned** that **Dinétahdóó Cultural Resource Management receive their permit upon confirmation that the ARMS and curation agreement are in place** for a **Reissued 3-year 2025-2027 General Investigation Permit**.

Member Dr. Jenks **seconded** the **motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Socorro Salazar initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

Member Dr. Jenks followed up that Jornada Research Institute has been removed from the agenda. The next item on the agenda is Tetra Tech.

Discussion:

Tetra Tech –The historic ceramic and metal can inventory forms need to be updated. The firm is based in Colorado, but the site management form is one that's very geared towards the Colorado site form system and included space for a trinomial designation, and that's not something that applies in New Mexico.

Dr. Deborah Huntley from Tetra Tech commented that we work all over the country. I think a form was missed and others may have been entered by mistake I will send the those requested updates.

Member Dr. Jenks **motioned** that **Tetra Tech receive their permit upon receipt of recommended revisions to the satisfaction of staff** for a **Reissued 3-year 2025-2027 General Investigation Permit**.

Member Dr. Bandy **seconded** the **motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Socorro Salazar initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

- b. **Lone Mountain's appeal** on the CPRC decision to deny **Jeremy Pittman for Supervisory Archaeologist listing on the SHPO Directory**.

Discussion:

Chairman acknowledged that this is classified as a hearing according to our regulations, we will discuss the situation and then operate as a committee and will then we will go forward in line with the regulations that were presented to all of us.

Doug Boggess commented that Mr. Pittman worked in southeast New Mexico for 10 years and the last 4 years of which he was not a permitted supervisor, so he had something like 6 years of experience as a permitted supervisor. He has been on the BLM Permit for southeast New Mexico for longer than that. He then moved away to California and returned and is now working for us. This was to put him back on a permit which he held for some time. He then pointed out that he is aware of professional degree requirement and since there was an exception for Mr. Pittman in the past, he is hoping that now that he has returned the exception will continue. Jeremy is out there working in southeast New Mexico, and he's permitted on BLM. He goes across BLM land and the survey buffer extends across the section line into state line. We have to go grab Faone of our permitted crew chiefs from some other state project to come and walk 6 acres of whatever on the edge of a pipeline. So that that's why we're appealing this.

The discussion revolved on the understanding that the issue is not so much his experience but the lack of a required degree. Ultimately the duties are to reinforce that a requirement of a degree for the SHPO Directory listing by referring to NMAC 4.10.8.13 PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS STANDARDS: Archaeologists serving as crew chiefs, field supervisors or field directors shall have a bachelor's degree in anthropology or archaeology or a degree in a closely related field as determined by the CPRC; at least one archaeological field school or 30 days of full-time excavation experience in lieu of the field school; and 12 months of professional experience with archaeological resources in New Mexico. The 12 months of experience shall demonstrate relatively equal combination of archaeological fieldwork, laboratory analysis and report writing. The CPRC may consider other experience to satisfy, in part, the 12-month New Mexico experience requirement on a case-by-case basis when the individual demonstrates that the experience is directly relevant to understanding the archaeological resources of New Mexico.

So, the rule itself doesn't really provide for an exception of the degree requirement only for the in-state 12 months experience requirement. It would be unfair to the people who went through the process and acquired the requirements for the listing, as well as those that were denied based on the lack of a degree. It was decided through a long discussion that the CPRC recommendation would be rulemaking and build in some sort of equivalency into the rule, or at least have a solid discussion where we establish, a solid guideline or some sort of equivalence to the degree.

Chairman Toya stated so what I hear is for the long-term solution would be to address through rulemaking and trying to identify as many as the issues and fairness to everyone.

Member Dr. Bandy **motioned** that **Lone Mountain's appeal on the CPRC decision to deny Jeremy Pittman for Supervisory Archaeologist** listing on the SHPO Directory affirms its previous decision and denial for Mr. Pittman appeal.

Member Mr. Martinez **seconded** the **motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

This concludes Permit Matters.

5. Date of next meetings

- a. May 16, 2025 Awards Ceremony
- b. June 6, 2025,
- c. August 15, 2025
- d. October 10, 2025

6. Adjournment

Member Mr. Martinez made a **motion to adjourn**. Member Dr. Bandy **seconded** the **motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**, and we adjourned at **3:02pm**.