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**JEMEZ MOUNTAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC.
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CALLING FOR DISTRICT TRUSTEE ELECTIONS IN 2025;
SETTING THE PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT
OF THE ELECTIONS; PROVIDING A CALENDAR
OF EVENTS.**

WHEREAS, election by the JMEC membership of eligible members to the JMEC board of trustees is to be conducted in advance of the annual meeting.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to establish:

1. Date of the election, time and place of voting
2. Procedure for candidates filing
3. Verifying eligibility to vote
4. Requirements for Challengers and Watchers
5. Selection of Challengers and Watchers
6. Voting by machine
7. Provisional ballot process
8. Resolving election day disputes; and
9. Providing for full transparency with respect to conduct of the election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JEMEZ MOUNTAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC. (JMEC), that:

SECTION 1. MEETINGS.

District meetings to elect trustees shall be held not more than 30 days nor less than 15 days prior to the date of the annual meeting. At each district election meeting, members may vote for a district representative on the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 2. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting shall be held on August 17, 2025.

SECTION 3. BOARD ELECTIONS.

District elections shall be held on the dates shown in Section 4 of this Resolution. Polls shall open at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM, Mountain Daylight Time. Only those members having



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been admitted into the building and determined to be eligible to vote prior to the 7:00 PM closing of the polls will be allowed to vote.

SECTION 4. ELECTION SCHEDULE.

The following is the schedule of 2025 district elections, the dates for district elections, the location of each district election, and the member of the board of trustees whose seat is up for election is:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Current Bd. Member/ Seat</u>	<u>Poll Location/ Date</u>
District 1	Dennis Trujillo	Jemez Springs Village Hall/ July 21, 2025
District 2	Dolores McCoy	JMEC Cuba District Office/ July 22, 2025
District 3	Dennis Gallegos	Abiquiu Elementary/ July 23, 2025
District 4 Ward B	John Ramon Vigil	Espanola Elementary/ July 24, 2025
District 5 Ward A & B	Manuel Bustos	Espanola Valley High School/ July 28, 2025
District 5 Ward B	Elias Coriz	Espanola Valley High School/ July 28, 2025
District 6 Ward A	Marcelina Martinez	Pojoaque Middle School July 29, 2025
District 6 Ward A & B	Marissa Maestas-Muller	Pojoaque Middle School July 29, 2025

Candidate Workshops, which are informational sessions about the election for the potential candidates, will be held:


- A. May 9, 2025 at Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc. at 1:00 pm- Hernandez, NM Office
- B. May 12, 2025 at Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc. at 1:00 pm- Cuba, NM Office
- C. May 12, 2025 at Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc. at 3:30 pm- Jemez Springs, NM Office

SECTION 5. QUALIFICATIONS.

Any person shall be eligible to become and remain a trustee and/or voting delegate of JMEC who: (a) is 21 years of age or over and a citizen of the United States of America as of the date of



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the election; (b) is a member of JMEC and is and remains a bona fide resident of the district such person would represent; (c) is not in any way financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or major supplies to JMEC; (d) has been legally elected at a District meeting called for the purpose or at a meeting of the voting delegates; and (e) has been a member of JMEC for one year or longer as of the date of the election.

SECTION 6. WHAT CANDIDATES MUST KNOW.

Declaration of Candidacy Packets, including but not limited to an electronic membership list, nominating petition forms, declaration of candidacy forms, trustee election timeline, candidate checklist of qualifications, candidate's acknowledgment of receipt of packet, candidate's checklist of qualifications, Board Policy 145, and this Resolution shall be made available to the public and posted on the JMEC website on or before May 9, 2025. In the event there is a conflict between the terms of such documents, and the terms of this Resolution, then the terms of this Resolution shall control. A list of those members who voted in the last election may be obtained at the main office of JMEC. Candidates must submit nominating petitions at the main office of JMEC, or any District office of the Cooperative, during regular business hours within the following timeframe:

District 1	between	6/12/2025	6/19/2025
District 2	between	6/13/2025	6/20/2025
District 3	between	6/16/2025	6/23/2025
District 4 Ward B	between	6/17/2025	6/24/2025
District 5 Ward A & B	between	6/19/2025	6/26/2025
District 5 Ward B	between	6/19/2025	6/26/2025
District 6 Ward A	between	6/20/2025	6/27/2025
District 6 Ward A & B	between	6/20/2025	6/27/2025


Interested members may pick up Candidacy Packets beginning on May 9, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. MDT. Please contact Tina Trujillo Archuleta 505-367-1151, ttrujillo@jemezcoop.org for more information or to pick up a Candidate Packet.

SECTION 7. POLL WATCHERS/CHALLENGERS.

Each candidate is allowed no more than three poll watchers or challengers on election day. Watchers/Challengers shall be identified in writing by each candidate no later than five (5) calendar days prior to day of election. Watchers/Challengers will be given, and all times during election day, must display a printed sticker indicating their position. Watchers/Challengers may not be: (i) a candidate, spouse, parent, child, brother or sister of any candidate; (ii) married to a parent, child, brother or sister of any candidate; or (iii) or be a sheriff, deputy sheriff, marshal, deputy marshal, state or municipal police officer. Only one Watcher/Challengers shall be allowed



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in the room in which the voting is being conducted at a polling location. Watchers/Challengers shall not perform any duty of an election board member. Watchers/Challengers, shall not handle the ballots, signature rosters, checklist of voters or voting machines or take any part in the counting or tallying of the ballots or the canvas. Watcher/Challengers are not permitted to any voter's full date of birth or any portion of any voter's social security number. Watchers/Challengers shall refrain from getting into the personal space of members at the polling location.

SECTION 8. ELECTION BOARD.

An election board of three members, none of whom shall be: (i) a spouse, parent, child, brother or sister of any candidate; (ii), married to a parent, child, brother or sister of any candidate; or (iii) a sheriff, a deputy sheriff, marshal, deputy marshal, state or municipal police officer. The election board shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees at a special meeting to be conducted promptly after the deadline has passed for filing declarations of candidacy for each election. The election board will be the decider on election day of all issues that may arise with regard to election procedures or securing the secrecy of the ballot.

SECTION 9. PROVISIONAL BALLOTS.


An adequate number of provisional ballots, together with envelopes in which to seal them, will be available on each election day. Challengers/Watchers are authorized to interpose good faith challenges to the eligibility to vote of any member presenting himself or herself to vote. Any such challenge must be asserted prior to the voter attempting to vote by machine. The challenge shall be lodged before the challenged vote is cast. Challenges must be in writing and briefly explain the reasons for the challenge. If after review, a member of the election board decides a challenge may have merit, the member whose eligibility to vote is challenged will be allowed to cast a provisional ballot as a paper ballot. Such provisional ballots shall not be opened unless, after the machine ballots are counted, it appears that the outcome of the election results would be impacted if provisional ballots are counted. Under such circumstances, the election board shall first decide whether or not provisional ballots should be counted, set such provisional ballots aside, and then count each of them. Election board decisions concerning provisional ballots shall be made by majority vote and are final and not appealable. The election board shall certify to the JMEC Board of Trustees the results of each district board election.

SECTION 10. NO ELECTION CONTESTS.

There is no provision for review or recount of elections. However, JMEC Board of Trustees may order, by majority vote at a public Board meeting, where a quorum is present, a vote to recount or a review of the election procedures in a particular election. After such recount or review, the Board may find by a majority vote that a particular election was improperly permeated by voter



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suppression, fraud or undue influence. Under such circumstances, the Board may order that another election be held in the impacted District.

SECTION 11. NOMINATING PETITIONS.

A member may sign one or more nominating petitions, including his/her own and the petition of another candidate within the same District. Both signatures shall count toward the total number of signatures required on each nominating petition. Members who maintain meters in different Districts may sign nominating petitions for candidates in each District where the member maintains a meter. Nominating petitions will not be publicly disclosed unless, in order to protect the members privacy, the address of each member signing the nominating petition is redacted. Nominating petitions will not be received until the date fixed for submission of nominating petitions and if candidates turn in signatures that do not count, JMEC is not responsible for notifying the candidate of ineffective signatures until after that date fixed for submission of nominating petitions has passed (i.e., candidates will not have an opportunity to fix ineffective signatures). The required number of members signatures on a candidate nominating petitions is 75. However, in Districts consisting of fewer than 2,000 members, a nominating petition must contain at least 30 members signatures.

SECTION 12. LIMITATIONS ON CAMPAIGNING.

The following activities are strictly prohibited:

- 1.) Campaigning of any nature on JMEC owned grounds, buildings, facilities or other assets.
- 2.) The distribution of campaign materials or the placing of signs and banners on the grounds where the District meeting is taking place, or within 100 feet of the polling location. No signs or banners may be carried into the meeting facility.
- 3.) The distribution of food, beverages or other products by trustee nominees or their supporters.

At the District meeting, Trustee nominees and their supporters may wear or display on his/her person any type of campaign apparel, labels or stickers. Trustees supporting candidates cannot wear items containing JMEC's logos.

SECTION 13. MEMBER VOTING.

- 1.) Members may not exercise a separate right to vote for each meter in their name. Therefore, regardless of number of meters or connections owned by a member in a particular District, such member may only vote once each District where the member maintains a meter.



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2.) Each member may only cast one vote for one candidate for any trustee office to be filled.

SECTION 14. EFFECT OF THIS RESOLUTION.

The terms and provisions of this Resolution are meant to prevail and shall prevail with respect to any question of interpretation of the bylaws or of any question regarding deviation from or following past practices.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Danny Velarde, do hereby certify that: I am the JMEC's Board of Trustees' Secretary and that the above is a true and a correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of JMEC at the special board meeting held on the 25th day of April, 2025, and entered in minute books of JMEC; that the meeting was duly called and held in accordance with the bylaws of JMEC; and that the above Resolution has not been rescinded or modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Corporation this 25th day of April, 2025.


Danny Velarde, JMEC Secretary