Technology and Innovation Network Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 1, 2026 | 3:00pm - 5:00pm Mountain Time

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Present: Secretary Rob Black (Chair), Josh Agenbroad, Jason Arviso, Edward (Ed) Blandford, Dana Catron, Alicia Corbell, Lique Coolen, Jake Douglass, David Hanson, Josué F Martinez Hardigree, Leslie Hielema, Yen Kha, Kyle Lee, Chad Matheson, Nathaniel (Nate) Miller, Mary Monson, Janeth Pena, Gabe Mounce, Hengameh Raissy, Jim Redman, Becky Rowley, Sarah Rubin, Tanner Schaub, Stephanie Tofighi, Gil Travish, James Zahler

Absent: Charlene (Charlie) Jacka

Staff Present: Nora Meyers Sackett, Lindsay Humphries, Miraysa Cruz, Eric Smith (Start Grow Remain (SGR)/Contractor), Cristina Killingsworth (Start Grow Remain (SGR)/Contractor)

#	Agenda Item	Board Actions
1	**Welcome and Call to Order** *Secretary Rob Black, Chairperson*	Chair Black called the meeting to order at 3:03PM. A quorum was confirmed.
2	**Open Meetings Act Acknowledgment** *TIO Director Nora Sackett*	TIO Director Sackett provided OMA acknowledgement and overview
3	**Roll Call, Agenda Approval, and Brief Introductions** Facilitated by *TIO Director Nora Sackett*	Action: Approval of Agenda, Chair Black called for a motion to approve the 6.1.26 Agenda. Motion Moved By: Dave Hanson Motion Seconded By: Dana Catron Vote Verdict: Unanimously approved by all board members in attendance. None in opposition. 1 member absent
4	**Statutory Framing and Board Purpose** *Secretary Rob Black, Chairperson*	Chair Black provided background on the creation of the TIN Advisory Board, TIO, and the RD&D Fund through HB20. Board will advise on policy, program design, and industry engagement. The Board assists TIO in the administration of the RD&D Fund. Chair Black reviewed TIO target sectors identified through statue as well as validated through the work of the Technology Road Map.

5	**Charter and Board Manual Overview** *TIO Director Nora Sackett* *Cristina Killingsworth, Start Grow Remain (SGR)*	TIO Director Sacket introduced the SGR Team and their role as the selected contractor supporting development of the TIN Advisory Board and RD&D Fund. TIO Director Sacket and Cristina Killingsworth from SGR provided an overview of the Board Charter and Board Manual, which were shared as pre-read materials. The board discussed the purpose and differences of each document and how they will guide the board's work from statute to charter to manual. Following discussion and questions from the board members, the two documents will be moved to the executive committee for approval.
6	**Research, Development, and Deployment Fund** *TIO Director Nora Sackett* *Eric Smith, SGR* *Cristina Killingsworth, SGR*	TIO Director Sacket introduced Eric Smith from SGR to present on the RD&D Fund Act, which supports accelerating critical technology development in New Mexico. TIO administers the fund, while the board provides advisory recommendations on funding priorities, eligibility, and reviews. Board member asked for clarification on funding pots set by statute. Clarification was provided.
7	**Near-Term Complementary Federal Funding** *TIO Director Nora Sackett*	TIO Director Sacket provided an overview of the federal funding landscape and opportunities to strengthen New Mexico's competitiveness for larger federal awards in key industry sectors. The discussion focused on aligning state RD&D investments with federal funding efforts, including possible matching funds and collaborative partnership strategies. Board members noted that support may vary by opportunity and timeline, from near-term proposals such as DOE's VNS effort to longer-term initiatives like NSF X-Labs.
8	**RD&D Fund Proposed Rule Consultation** *TIO Director Nora Sackett* *Eric Smith, SGR*	TIO Director Sacket presented the proposed RD&D Fund rulemaking package, shared in advance as pre-read materials, outlining the overall framework for fund administration. The rules are designed to provide flexibility given that funding opportunities will vary. Board members were in favor for keeping flexibility and asked about balancing clear guidance with that flexibility, and TIO Director Sacket noted that specific requirements would be clearly defined through the various funding opportunities.

9	**Executive Committee Membership Announcement** *Secretary Rob Black, Chairperson*	TIO Director Sacket presented the Executive Committee structure and responsibilities, including the Board Chair- Secretary Rob Black, two core members (one being a rotating Lab seat): James Zahler (LANL) and Leslie Hielema, two public members: Dana Catron and Chad Matheson, and sector representatives Charlie Jacka (Aerospace), Gil Travish (Bioscience), Jake Douglas (Advanced Computing), and Edward Blandford (Advanced Energy). The Executive Committee will approve subcommittees and address time-sensitive matters between Board meetings.
10	**Looking Ahead:**	The Board discussed forming advisory subcommittees across sectors, to be established by the Executive Committee with an application process for non-voting members. Subcommittees will provide recommendations and subject matter expertise to TIO and Board. Board, Executive Committee, and Subcommittee meetings will occur at least quarterly, with the next Board meeting expected in September. Members are expected to review materials/pre-reading, support subcommittee work, and complete required disclosures between meetings. No Public Comments were received
12	**Adjournment** Secretary Rob Black, Chairperson	Chair Black called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn: Chad Matheson Second: Dana Catron Meeting Adjourned at 4:41PM

This meeting is held in accordance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978 §§ 10-15-1 through 10-15-4. The Board may act on any item on this agenda.