# Technology and Innovation Network

# Executive Committee Meeting

## DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 3, 2026 | 2:00pm – 3:30pm Mountain Time

Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

**Present:** Secretary Rob Black (Chairperson), James Zahler, Gil Travish, Dana Catron, Chad Matheson, Jake Douglass

**Absent:** Leslie Hielema, Charlie Jacka, Ed Blandford

**Staff Present**: TIO Director Nora Sackett, Associate Director Lindsay Humphries, Anh-Dung Le, Esteban Martinez, Jamie Sandoval, Seth McIntyre, Eric Smith (SGR/Contractor), Cristina Killingsworth (SGR/Contractor), Sasha Lansky (SGR/Contractor)

**Public Members in Attendance:** None

| # | Agenda Item | Board Actions |
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| 1 | **Welcome and Call to Order**<br>Secretary Rob Black, Chairperson | Chair Black called the meeting to order at **2:02 PM**. A quorum was confirmed. |
| 2 | **Open Meetings Act Acknowledgment**<br>Secretary Rob Black, Chairperson | Chair Black provided OMA acknowledgement and overview |
| 3 | **Roll Call; Approval of Agenda and of June 1, 2026 Minutes; Introductions**<br>Secretary Rob Black, Chair<br>Led by: TIO Director Nora Sackett & Eric Smith, SGR | **Action:** Approval of Agenda for 11.03.26 with amendment to remove and postpone the approval of the Minutes till December Board Meeting.<br><br>Motion Moved By: Jake Douglass<br>Motion Seconded By: Dana Catron<br><br>Vote Verdict: Unanimously approved by all EC members in attendance. None in opposition. 3 members absent. |
| 4 | **Discussion and Adoption of Non-Voting Subcommittee Member Application Process**<br>Secretary Rob Black, Chair<br>Led by: TIO Director Nora Sackett & Eric Smith, SGR | Chair Black introduced TIO Director Nora Sackett and the SGR team who presented the proposed application and selection process for non-voting subcommittee members. The process is intended to expand sector expertise while maintaining manageable subcommittee membership. The proposed framework outlined eligibility criteria, application requirements, evaluation procedures, two-year membership terms, conflict-of-interest disclosures, and removal provisions. |

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| | | Appointments will be subject to Executive Committee approval, with a maximum of two non-voting members per subcommittee.<br><br>Discussion took place around Non-Voting Subcommittee Member place of residence requirement. Two committee members proposed an Amendment to Nonvoting Subcommittee Member Application Policy to remove the NM residency requirement from the policy and add an application question identifying applicants' ties to New Mexico.<br><br>**Action:** Approval of Nonvoting Subcommittee Member Application Policy with NM Residence amendment and adding a question to the application process to establish NM ties.<br><br>Motion Moved By: Gil Travish<br>Motion Seconded By: James Zahler<br><br>Vote Verdict: Unanimously approved by all EC members in attendance. None in opposition. 3 members absent. |
| 5 | **Subcommittee Metrics Discussions Readout**<br>Secretary Rob Black, Chairperson<br>Led by: TIO Director Nora Sackett & Eric Smith, SGR | Chair Black introduced TIO Director Sackett and the SGR team to lead this section. Director Sackett and SGR team provided updates on the four sector subcommittees, which held their initial meetings in October and selected vice chairs. The subcommittees are developing sector-specific performance metrics and goals for presentation to the full Board in December 2026. Committee discussion focused on identifying meaningful, measurable indicators of sector growth while recognizing differences in technology maturity, commercialization timelines, and data availability. The Executive Committee reviewed preliminary recommendations and challenges identified by each sector subcommittee. |
| 6 | **Next Steps & December Board Meeting**<br>Secretary Rob Black, Chairperson | Chair Black and TIO Director Sackett reviewed actions from the meeting, upcoming activities and preparations for the December 1, 2026, Full Board meeting. Approval of the previously deferred Executive Committee meeting minutes will be addressed at the December meeting. |

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| 12 | **Public Comment**<br>Secretary Rob Black, Chairperson | Public Comment time was provided. No public comments were received. |
| 13 | **Adjournment**<br>Secretary Rob Black, Chairperson | Chair Black offered a motion to adjourn the meeting.<br><br>Motion to adjourn: Jake Douglass<br>Second: James Zahler<br><br>Meeting Adjourned at 3:22 pm. |

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.