

## LWVCNM Observer's Report

Sandoval County Commission regular meeting

March 8, 2023

Mary Templeton, observer

Present: Katherine Bruch (video), Jay Block, Michael Meek (Vice Chair, video), David Heil (Chair), Joshua Jones

### **Description of Issues Relevant to the League**

No issues relevant to the League were taken up during this meeting.

### **Additional Comments**

A recurring feature of Sandoval County Commission meetings are public comments by members of Sandoval and neighboring counties regarding elections. This group goes by New Mexico Election Transparency Network or NMET. They advocate for requiring photo IDs in order to vote, frequent voter role purging, prohibition of ballot drop boxes, added restrictions to absentee voting and automatic post-election audits in 10% of precincts. More details are in the Rio Rancho Observer article, "Group Has Been Working to Bring Election Transparency to New Mexico" from March 14, 2023 (<https://rrobsvr.com/group-has-been-working-to-bring-election-transparency-to-new-mexico/>). Commissioners appear to be working with this group to teach them how government works in practice and have expressed openness to constructive suggestions that might improve the County election process.

### **Sandoval County Commission Website**

<https://www.sandovalcountynm.gov/commission/>