

## **Affordable Housing Report: March/April, 2026**

### **Middle Rio Grande Housing Collaborative (MRGHC)**

The MRGHC meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 26 did not take place but was rescheduled for 1:00 pm, Thursday, April 2 in person and virtually via Zoom. Four of the five current MRGHC Commissioners attended: Lawrence Rael, Chair, Ian Robertson, Steve Anaya and Connie Chavez, the new City of Albuquerque representative to MRGHC. Other attendees were: Tommy Cummins and Ken Martinez, County staff; City of Albuquerque Councilmember Tammy Fiebelkorn, and City staff Erin Engelbrecht, Andrea Gonzales.

After the Agenda and Minutes from the February 26, 2026 MRGHC meeting were approved and there were no public comments, the MRGHC Commissioners discussed the Executive Director Selection Process. Chair, Rael said that the MRGCOG personnel office will advertise the Executive Director (ED) position opening through March. The Commissioners then went into Closed Session to discuss the specific process(es) for the assessment and preliminary selection of candidate applicants. Returning to Open session Rael announced that the Commissioners will ask that the MRGCOG staff review each applicant to ensure they meet the minimum qualifications and that any next steps after the information is received will be taken by a committee of the whole. The meeting was adjourned.

Subsequent to the April 2 regular meeting, it was announced via email and public notice that the MRGHC will meet in Closed session on April 9, 2026 at 1:00 pm solely to review the Executive Director applicants as referred by the MRGCOG Personnel office. No other business was discussed outside of those personnel matters. After returning to Open Session, there was discussion and an announcement of the next MRGHC meeting (see below).

The next meeting of the MRGHC will be April 23, 2026 at 1:00 pm. It will be a Special Meeting in Closed Session format to discuss and interview the MRGHC Executive Director candidate finalists. Then following that, on the same day, at 1:00 pm there will be a Regular MRGHC meeting in person at the MRCOG Board Room and virtually via Zoom.

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