At Large Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico

 March 26th,2024

Greetings chapter members and guests

Janet Montoya Is inviting you to a scheduled zoom meeting

Topic: 2024 National and State Conventions

Date/Time: March 26, 2024 06:30 PM Mountain Standard Time (US and Canada)

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The National Federation of the Blind is a community of members and friends who believe in the hopes and dreams of the nation’s blind. Every day we work together to help blind people live the lives they want.

Join us for social time at 6:30pm.

Meeting starts promptly at 7:00.

Review of ground rules to help our meeting run smoothly and effectively

* 1st Use your real name during the meeting.
* 2nd when requesting the floor, please address me as Madam chair or Madam president, then state your name. This way we all know who is speaking and it gives me a chance to acknowledge you as the next speaker.
* 3rd We have the responsibility to be courteous and respectful.
* 4th We each have the right to be respected.
* 5th Please review the NFB code of conduct at [Code of Conduct | National Federation of the Blind (nfb.org)](https://nfb.org/about-us/history-and-governance/code-conduct)

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1. 7pm Call to Order, Janet Montoya, President
2. Rollcall, Daphne Mitchell, Secretary/Treasurer
3. Introduction of Guests, Daphne Mitchell, Secretary/Treasurer
4. Reciting of the NFB pledge: read by Steve Ranger, Board member 2

I pledge to participate actively in the efforts of the National Federation of the Blind; to achieve equality, opportunity, and security for the blind; to support the policies and programs of the Federation; and to abide by its Constitution.

1. One Minute Message, read by Will Harmon

 The National Federation of the Blind knows that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you or your future. Every day we raise the expectations of blind people because low expectations of blind people create obstacles between blind people and their dreams. You can live the life you want; blindness is not what holds you back.

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of the minutes from the February meeting. Daphne Mitchell, Secretary/treasurer
3. Treasurer’s Report, Daphne Mitchell, Secretary/treasurer
4. 2024 conventions:

 a. National Convention by Peggy Hayes, vice president

 b. State Convention by Janet Montoya, president

**10**. Presidential Release, Tara Chavez, Affiliate President

**11**. Committee Reports

* 1. Membership, German Benitez, committee chair
	2. Philosophy, Daphne Mitchel, Committee chair
	3. Fundraising, Will Harmon, committee chair
	4. Legislature, Larry Lorenzo, committee chair

 **12**. New Business

 **13**. Birthdays for March

 **14**. Open discussion, next meeting will be April 23rd.

 **15**. Adjournment

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Committees

Membership

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