

The comments concerning next week's two day "Regular Board of Trustees Meeting" has raised a lot of questions. Some answers follow, some questions cannot be answered.

1. Why such short notice or no notice at all about the Christensen report on his audit?

There is no explanation for the somewhat stealth scheduling and notice of this important report. The December, 2014 meeting of the board set the probable date for February 18 & 19, 2015 which would have allowed for notice to be contained in billings to members and other forms of public notice so that members could know about the report and make plans to attend. Member's money is paying for this study and report and they have the right to read the full report accessible from the Firm (Smith & Christensen), to hear the presentation of the report and to ask questions of Mr. Christensen. The time of the change of the date is unknown. The following is known:

Mr. Christensen emailed Socorro City officials on 1/20/15 telling them that he would be presenting his report to the Macey Center "next week"..... It was the first reference to the upcoming meeting and report. Mayor Bhasker mentioned the meeting at the City Council meeting on the same day. He is now attempting to notify members in the city but time is short. Trustee Wagner learned of the meeting and report the next morning as he viewed the tape of the City Council meeting. He had not been consulted or notified of the meeting and report nor had Trustee Melissa Amaro. Ms. Amaro received a telephone call Thursday morning from Chairperson Anne Dorough telling her of the event "so that she could make arrangements to attend."

The meeting was posted on the Socorroelectric.com website but that post did not mention Mr. Christensen. The notice of the meeting in the Chieftain required by the Open Meeting Act did not mention the purpose of the meeting as specified in Mr. Christensen's contract or the bylaws of the SEC for a "special meeting." Instead the two day meeting is referred to on website, advertisement, etc. as a "Regular Board of Trustees Meeting." The emphasis on "regular" instead of the proper forms of a "special" meeting is explained by the Agenda now posted on the SEC website and attached to this message. Under I. NEW BUSINESS., Sec. 2 BOARD GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT REPORT PRESENTATION. Aaron Christensen is the first public mention of the Christensen report. Further down the Agenda listing is M. ADJOURN. "The Open Meeting Bylaw allows persons be permitted to 'attend and listen.' The SEC Board meeting is not an open forum and, so long as the Open Meeting Bylaw is complied with, there will be no public debate on agenda items and SEC Chair may take steps necessary to maintain public order". Members can be muzzled at a "regular" meeting but not at a "special" meeting.

2. Why two days for the report presentation?

Mr. Christensen set the time frame according to his email to the city. He mentions that he hopes that city officials "will be able to attend some or all of these sessions." Attend when you are able and trust that you can fill in the blanks with the written report. Tapes will be made of the meetings and available for viewing.