

Comments on July 23rd meeting videos -

CENSURE LETTER - Audrie Clifford requested that since Trustee Wagner was not present that the agenda item dealing with censure be delayed until his return in the interest of fairness. (video below)

CENSURE BY THE BOARD:

Illegal basis (action cited by Ms. Dorrough legal and proper) for censure with no authority for censure in bylaws or state law, but passed on a 2 to 1 vote. The conversation covered the issue of trustee absence by claiming non-notification of absence. See Trustee Wade act all insulted. It is funny and obviously scripted. However, notification WAS given by telephone to the SEC office Wednesday morning that Trustee Wagner would not be able to attend the meeting due medical problem. See Ms. Latasa remain silent as to the fact that notification was given. See the Board decide on a 2 to 1 vote to go ahead with censure in his absence. That decision could have waited.

See Attorney Wiggins tell Trustee Amaro that “you are wrong” when Trustee Amaro quoted a legal opinion on the matter of the email, a subject of the censure.

CHANGE LOCATION OF DISTRICT 2 MEETING: Trustee Wagner had requested that the date of November 15, 2014 be approved for the District 2 meeting as both Macey Center and Fidel Bldg. in Socorro were available for those dates. He was well aware that the District 3 (Socorro) meeting was also on that date but that should not have been an issue and could have been an advantage with most of the city at one or the other of the meetings. However, they used that fact to not only deny his request but change the location of the meeting to the Fine Arts Center in Magdalena. Remember last year at the District 2 meeting and election when then Trustee Wolberg moved to set the meeting at the Alamo Reservation which would make the round trip from Socorro over 120 miles. Wolberg had the votes so it was done. The people of Socorro turned out and voted Trustee Wagner a new term. The changing of the meeting location could have waited until the next board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Marie Watkins and Santos Aragon.

Marie Watkins: Remarked on the snide comment by Ms Dorrough in the Chieftain Letters to the Editor in which “open forum of Council meetings with its audience of supporters” is intended as an insult. Ms. Watkins contrasts that statement with the problems arising from the SEC culture of secrecy and lack of supporters.

Santos Aragon: Raised a question that has been a very sore point with many members that of unfairness in the awarding of scholarships and Youth Tour trips. (If you only have time to watch one video, watch this one.) He researched the awards and discovered that the two scholarships awarded in his district were given to relatives of the district trustee and that the GPA of one was inferior to that of other students, his own son included. This is the type of thing that Trustee Wagner has been fighting for the past eight years and the reason that the members distrust the Board of Trustees.

Doug May: Mr. May is continuing to advocate for reform in the managing of Capital Credits and his ideas have a great deal of validity.