



# 2026 SWMLS Board of Directors Candidate Questionnaire

General Information

**Name** Sam Sandoval



**Brokerage Name** Keys To New Mexico

**Brokerage Address** 9798 Coors Blvd. Bld. D

**City** Albuquerque

**State** NM

**Number of Years as a REALTOR® Member:** 23

**Member Type: Please select  
Designated REALTOR®/Participant  
only if you are listed as the  
Designated/Qualifying Broker of your  
office.**

Designated REALTOR®/Participant

**Are you a managing broker? If so, how  
many brokers do you supervise?** 0

**For which position are you applying?**

Director (5 available) See note below.

**Note:**  
*There are three available term lengths in this 2026 election cycle.*

*2 - 3 year terms (2026-2028)*

*1 - 2 year term (2026-2027)*

*2 - 1 year terms (2026)*

*The term length for each candidate will be determined by the votes. The top vote-getter will choose the desired length of term; the second top vote-getter will have the next choice, and subsequent candidates will choose.*

**Do you have any Code of Ethics  
violations or have you ever had any  
disciplinary actions from the New  
Mexico Real Estate Commission in the  
last 3 years? If yes, please elaborate.  
If no, indicate N/A.** N/A

**Officer and Director nominees must have completed three (3) of the following items:**

- 1 year on any NMAR, NAR, or NMREC Committee, PAG or Task Force
- 1 year as GAAR and/or SWMLS Director or Officer
- 1 year as Chair of any SWMLS or GAAR Committee
- 1 year as Member of any SWMLS Committee or selected GAAR Committees (Professional Standards, Grievance, Mediator/Ombuds, GAP or LEAP Committees)
- Complete a Leadership Development Program at the local, state or national level
- Attend at least 2 SWMLS BOD meetings within the last year - can be completed before taking office in January
- Complete both a Robert's Rules of Order and MLS Rules Refresher course
- Have had five (5) transactions that closed in the prior twelve (12) months in which he or she represented a buyer, seller, landlord or tenant or performed an appraisal OR be a qualifying broker of at least five (5) brokers

**The following questions address these items:**

**Have you ever served as a Director or  
Officer of SWMLS?** Yes

**Have you ever served as a Director or  
Officer of GAAR?** No

Have you served as a Chair of a SWMLS or GAAR Committee within the past 5 years?

Yes

Please list all SWMLS, GAAR, NMAR and NAR committees, task forces or PAGs you have been a member of. You can view your SWMLS/GAAR committee history by going to your member portal.

SWMLS, NMAR, Tech Committee

Have you participated in GAAR's Leadership Development Program, NMAR's Growth and Involvement Program, or any other leadership training?

Yes

If yes, please provide program name and year completed. Please write N/A if not applicable.

I dont recall

How many transactions did you have within the last 12 months, August 1, 2024 to July 31, 2025?

15

Have you completed a Robert's Rules of Order and MLS Rules Refresher course?

Robert's Rules of Order

What are your primary disciplines in your real estate practice? Check all that apply.

Residential

Farm & Land

Commercial

Property Management

Building & Development

Flipping, Wholesale, Owner Finance

Please list any REALTOR® Institutes, Societies or Councils in which you currently hold membership.

N/A

Please indicate which REALTOR® Designations you hold:

ABR

Have you reviewed the Board Responsibilities document and do you agree to abide by these responsibilities?

Yes

Which technologies offered by SWMLS are your favorites, and why?

Forwarn, and Tax search (CRS, Real reports, RPR). It's valuable to be able make sure you're working with the owner as stated in the county records, and number match to their name and phone number.

Please share your experience, qualifications, skills, knowledge, and any other relevant information that would make you an asset to the SWMLS Board of Directors and SWMLS Participants and Subscribers. What leadership skills do you bring to the role?

Not only having served as a director already for nearly 3 years, i have also been actively selling real estate

full time for 23 years. I also have a lot of experience in investing, for myself and for others.

**What is the role of the SWMLS and what are the challenges facing SWMLS moving forward?**

Data! we collect and provide data to our members and some to the public. Making decisions on how this is done is the primary job of SWMLS directors. Moving forward, it's important to know how this is handled on a micro and macro scale.

**What are the strengths of the SWMLS core software and affiliated technology offerings and where do you see room for improvement and/or change?**

SWMLS offers its' members a large array of valuable tools, mostly at no extra cost to the membership. this is extremely valuable in helping our efficiency and improving our production in every day life. We also are concerned above and beyond production, we look into safety, and giving back to the community. We can always improve on security and data sharing. Restricting and broadening together.

**What is the one thing you would like to change that is in the purview of SWMLS?**

I believe SWMLS should have a public view website/IDX to search for properties.

**Additional remarks by Candidate:**

None

We appreciate your interest in serving. You will be notified when the Nominating Committee chooses the candidate slate for the upcoming election.