

MINUTES



Executive Standing Committee

Monday, September 16, 2024

1:30 pm

Mid-Region Council of Governments
809 Copper Ave. NW, Albuquerque, N M
Hybrid

Call to Order – 1:33 pm – John Mierzwa

Member

✓ **Carl Adams**, Youth Standing Committee Chair

Marvis Aragon, Bernalillo County Rep

✓ **Karla Causey**, Treasurer, Finance Standing Committee Chair

Antoinette Holmes, Disability Standing Committee Chair

✓ **Honorable Gregg Hull**, CEO

✓ **Krista Kelley**, Chair

✓ **John Mierzwa**, Past -Chair

Debbie Ortiz, Torrance County Rep.

✓ **Stacy Sacco**, Chair-Elect

✓ **Susan Yasenka**, Valencia County Rep

Vacant - Operations Standing Committee Chair

Vacant – Sandoval County Rep.

Approval of Monday September 16, 2024, Agenda

Motion: **Karla Causey**

Second: **Mayor Gregg Hull**

No Discussion

Action: Passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote

	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Carl Adams				
Marvis Aragon				
Karla Causey	X			
Antoinette Holmes				
Gregg Hull	X			
Krista Kelley	X			
John Mierzwa	X			
Debbie Ortiz				

Stacy Sacco	X			
Susan Yasenka	X			

Tab 1: Approval of WCCNM Minutes for March 18, 2024

Motion: Stacy Sacco

Second: Karla Causey

No Discussion

Action: Passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote

	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Carl Adams	X			
Marvis Aragon				
Karla Causey	X			
Antoinette Holmes				
Gregg Hull	X			
Krista Kelley	X			
John Mierzwa	X			
Debbie Ortiz				
Stacy Sacco	X			
Susan Yasenka	X			

ACTION ITEMS

Tab 2	<p>Approval of Administrative Policy No. AP-210 Stevens Amendment Policy</p> <p>By: Tawnya Rowland, Program Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Rowland presented the AP-210 Stevens Amendment Policy. ▪ She stated there is a federal mandate that all Federally funded programs demonstrate transparency in terms of the use of the Federal Grant funds. ▪ This policy that is provided, explains the background and what we're required to do. There is specific guidance from NMDWS in terms of the language that we need to use. ▪ This side disclosure funding, disclosure statement has to be on all marketing materials. There's a list in this policy of everything that this statement needs to be attached to. So, what we're going do is follow in the footsteps of NMDWS. ▪ If approved today, we're going to add a web page on our website. Jamie Sandoval is going to be assisting Tawnya with that process. Basically will reflect everything that you see in the provided policy, attachment two in the packet.
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The Stevens Amendment is an appropriations provision that requires U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant recipients to acknowledge federal funding when publicly communicating any projects or programs. This requirement to reveal the costs financed with federal funds, promotes transparency and accountability and ensures any federally funded research and work are properly credited.

Motion: Mayor Gregg Hull
Second: Stacy Sacco
No Discussion
Action: Passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Carl Adams	X			
Marvis Aragon				
Karla Causey	X			
Antoinette Holmes				
Gregg Hull	X			
Krista Kelley	X			
John Mierzwa	X			
Debbie Ortiz				
Stacy Sacco	X			
Susan Yasenka	X			

Tab 3

Approval of H1-B Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant Contract Renewal

By: Sonora Rodriguez, Program Manager

- Mr. Rodriguez presented the H1-B Pathways Infrastructure Jobs Grant Contract Renewal.
- We will be asking for this annually as it is a five-year grant.
- We've also included 2 risk assessments, financial risk assessments. We find there is no financial civic risk in this grant. Our scope of work is also included in this packet.
- She stated over this next 5 years we plan to enroll 250 participants, a staggered approach. And, again, targeting low income under employed individuals, 17 and older and at a secondary school.
- We will collaborate with Adult/Dislocated Worker using our WCOS system and a Sector Advisory Council.
- We are continuing to engage with employers and leaders in renewable broadband and transportation sectors.

Questions & Comments

Motion: Stacy Sacco
Second: Karla Causey
No Discussion
Action: Passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Carl Adams	X			
Marvis Aragon				
Karla Causey	X			
Antoinette Holmes				
Gregg Hull	X			
Krista Kelley	X			
John Mierzwa	X			
Debbie Ortiz				
Stacy Sacco	X			
Susan Yasenka	X			

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tab 4 WIOA Updates –

- **Local 4-year plan update**
 - Ms. Rowland gave an update on the Local 4-year plan. She stated the deadlines are fast approaching. Numerous emails have been sent out to Members and partners. Public Comment period is from September 15, 2024 to October 15, 2024. Please refer to the Draft of September 15, 2024. It will also go to the Full Board on October 21, 2024.
- **Performance Negotiations PY24 & 25**
 - Mr. Martinez stated our performance negotiations with the NMDWS is scheduled for the coming Friday.
 - I think what we got is all right. It's not perfect in in my mind, said Mr. Martinez.
 - He stated that in the future he'd like to suggest modifications to how this is performed. We understand what the state has agreed to on a state level. The state asks us locals to respond to what we propose. We feel like we are going in blind. But we don't know what the state has prepared until we get to the meeting.
- **USDOL CHANCES Period of Performance Request**
 - Mr. Martinez gave an update.
- **USDOL H1B update**
 - Update reported in Tab 3
- **NMDWS Monitoring, One-Stop, A&E MRCOG Financial**
 - Mr. Martinez stated that all our monitoring has been completed.
 - We will be able to close all monitoring events and move forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ADJOURNMENT

Public Comments – None
Adjournment – 2:14 pm

**Next Meeting: WCCNM Joint Chief Elected Official's/Executive Standing Committee,
November 18, 2024, 10:00 am**

*A more detailed account of the meeting and discussions are available for review at the MRCOG
offices at:
809 Copper NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102*

Approved November 18, 2024

Stacy Sacco, WCCNM Chair-Elect

ATTEST:

Secretary

“Equal Opportunity Program”