



# MINUTES

## Chief Elected Officials

(Joint Executive Standing Committee)

Monday, March 24, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting

Mid-Region Council of Governments, 809 Copper, NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

**Call to Order-** 10:03 a.m. by Mayor Gregory Hull

Mr. Martinez stated this is a Joint meeting of the Chief Elected Officials and the Executive Standing Committee which is representing the Full Board. It is mandatory that we have one joint meeting per year. Primarily, this meeting will be chaired by Mayor Hull with action taken by the CEO's.

### Attendance- by Art Martinez

Name	Company	Present
Jake Bruton, Mayor	Village of Tijeras	
Bryan Olguin, Mayor	Town of Peralta	
Kori Taylor		
Steve Robbins		X
Jack Torres, Mayor	Town of Bernalillo	
Christiana Jones		X
Mike Nealeigh, Mayor	Village of Jemez Springs	X
Heather Guetierrez		
Walt Benson, Commissioner	Bernalillo County	X
Ryan Schweback, Commissioner	Torrance County	
J. Jordan Barela		
Kevin McCall		
Misty Witt		X
Ken Brennan, Mayor	Town of Edgewood	X
Jerry Powers		
Gregg Hull, Mayor	City of Rio Rancho	X
Michael Meek, Commissioner	Sandoval County	
Jayne Espinoza		X
Peter Nieto, Mayor	Town of Mountainair	
Steve Lucero, Mayor	Village of San Ysidro	
Jennifer Garcia		
Elias Sanchez, Mayor	Village of Encino	
Chris Gillespie, Mayor	Village of Bosque Farms	
Michael Limon		X
Shaline Lopez		
Denny Herrera, Mayor	Village of Cuba	
Charles Griego, Mayor	Village of Los Lunas	
Marcos Castillo		X
Debra Sanchez		
Nathan Dial, Mayor	Town of Estancia	X
Bernadette Anaya		
Tim Keller, Mayor	City of Albuquerque	

Monica Mitchell Justin Hilliard Rachel Snyder		X
David Dean, Mayor	Village of Willard	
Brandon S. Webb, Mayor Steve Anaya Deborah Liu	City of Moriarty	X
Robert Noblin, Mayor Roseann Peralta Steven Tomita	City of Belen	X
Lawrence Rael, Mayor	Village of Los Ranchos	
James Fahey, Mayor	Village of Corrales	
Morris Sparkman Orlando Montoya	Valencia County	X

### Executive Standing Committee

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

**Marvis Aragon** Bernalillo County Rep

- ✓ **Karla Causey**, Treasurer, Finance Standing Committee Chair
- ✓ **Vaadra Chavez**, Chair-Elect, Operations Standing Committee Chair
- ✓ **Antoinette Holmes**, Disability Standing Committee Chair
- ✓ **Honorable Gregg Hull**, WCCNM Chief Elected Official
- ✓ **John Mierzwa** – Past Chair

**Debbie Ortiz**-, Torrance County Rep.

- ✓ **Stacy Sacco** – Chair
- ✓ **David Vadera** – Sandoval County Rep.

**Susan Yasenka** – Valencia County Rep.

### Approval of Tuesday, March 24, 2025, Agenda

**Motion: Steve Robbins for Bryan Olguin, Mayor**

**Second: Michael Limon for Chris Gillespie, Mayor**

**No Discussion**

**Action: Passed unanimously by Unanimous Consent**

Name	Company	Yes	No	Abstain
Jake Bruton, Mayor	Village of Tijeras			
Bryan Olguin, Mayor Kori Taylor Steve Robbins	Town of Peralta	X		
Jack Torres, Mayor Christiana Jones	Town of Bernalillo	X		
Mike Nealeigh, Mayor Heather Guetierrez	Village of Jemez Springs	X		
Walt Benson, Commissioner	Bernalillo County			
Ryan Schweback, Commissioner J. Jordan Barela Kevin McCall Misty Witt	Torrance County	X		
Ken Brennan, Mayor	Town of Edgewood	X		

Jerry Powers				
Gregg Hull, Mayor	City of Rio Rancho	X		
Michael Meek, Commissioner	Sandoval County			
Jayme Espinoza		X		
Peter Nieto, Mayor	Town of Mountainair			
Steve Lucero, Mayor	Village of San Ysidro			
Jennifer Garcia				
Elias Sanchez, Mayor	Village of Encino			
Chris Gillespie, Mayor	Village of Bosque Farms	X		
Michael Limon				
Shaline Lopez				
Denny Herrera, Mayor	Village of Cuba			
Charles Griego, Mayor	Village of Los Lunas	X		
Marcos Castillo				
Debra Sanchez				
Nathan Dial, Mayor	Town of Estancia	X		
Bernadette Anaya				
Tim Keller, Mayor	City of Albuquerque			
Monica Mitchell		X		
Justin Hilliard				
Rachel Snyder				
David Dean, Mayor	Village of Willard			
Brandon S. Webb, Mayor	City of Moriarty			
Steve Anaya		X		
Deborah Liu				
Robert Noblin, Mayor	City of Belen	X		
Roseann Peralta				
Steven Tomita				
Lawrence Rael, Mayor	Village of Los Ranchos			
James Fahey, Mayor	Village of Corrales			
Morris Sparkman	Valencia County			
Orlando Montoya		X		

**Tab 1: Approval of Minutes, Chief Elected Officials: January 9, 2024**

**Motion: Michael Limon for Chris Gillespie, Mayor**

**Second: Jayme Espinoza for Michael Meek, Commissioner**

**No Discussion**

**Action: Passed by Unanimous Consent**

Name	Company	Yes	No	Abstain
Jake Bruton, Mayor	Village of Tijeras			
Bryan Olguin, Mayor	Town of Peralta			
Kori Taylor				
Steve Robbins		X		
Jack Torres, Mayor	Town of Bernalillo			
Christiana Jones		X		
Mike Nealeigh, Mayor	Village of Jemez Springs	X		
Heather Guetierrez				
Walt Benson, Commissioner	Bernalillo County			

Ryan Schweback, Commissioner J. Jordan Barela Kevin McCall Misty Witt	Torrance County	X		
Ken Brennan, Mayor Jerry Powers	Town of Edgewood	X		
Gregg Hull, Mayor	City of Rio Rancho	X		
Michael Meek, Commissioner Jayme Espinoza	Sandoval County	X		
Peter Nieto, Mayor	Town of Mountainair			
Steve Lucero, Mayor Jennifer Garcia	Village of San Ysidro			
Elias Sanchez, Mayor	Village of Encino			
Chris Gillespie, Mayor Michael Limon Shaline Lopez	Village of Bosque Farms	X		
Denny Herrera, Mayor	Village of Cuba			
Charles Griego, Mayor Marcos Castillo Debra Sanchez	Village of Los Lunas	X		
Nathan Dial, Mayor Bernadette Anaya	Town of Estancia	X		
Tim Keller, Mayor Monica Mitchell Justin Hilliard Rachel Snyder	City of Albuquerque	X		
David Dean, Mayor	Village of Willard			
Brandon S. Webb, Mayor Steve Anaya Deborah Liu	City of Moriarty	X		
Robert Noblin, Mayor Roseann Peralta Steven Tomita	City of Belen	X		
Lawrence Rael, Mayor	Village of Los Ranchos			
James Fahey, Mayor	Village of Corrales			
Morris Sparkman Orlando Montoya	Valencia County	X		

## ACTION ITEMS

**Tab 2: Approval of Workforce Connection of Central New Mexico (WCCNM) Board Members**

- Mr. Martinez presented new Board Members.

### New Board Member

### Business Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Business</u>
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**Partners****Workforce System Partners and Community Based Organization**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>Business</u></b>
Gabriel Esparza	Bernalillo	Albuquerque Job Corps

**Workforce System Partners and Education**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>Business</u></b>
Dr. Kristopher Johnson	Sandoval	Rio Rancho Public Schools

**Motion: Ken Brennan, Mayor****Second: Jayme Espinoza for Michael Meek, Commissioner****No Discussion****Action: Passed by Unanimous Consent**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Jake Bruton, Mayor	Village of Tijeras			
Bryan Olguin, Mayor	Town of Peralta			
Kori Taylor		X		
Steve Robbins				
Jack Torres, Mayor	Town of Bernalillo			
Christiana Jones		X		
Mike Nealeigh, Mayor	Village of Jemez Springs	X		
Heather Guetierrez				
Walt Benson, Commissioner	Bernalillo County			
Ryan Schweback, Commissioner	Torrance County			
J. Jordan Barela				
Kevin McCall		X		
Misty Witt				
Ken Brennan, Mayor	Town of Edgewood	X		
Jerry Powers				
Gregg Hull, Mayor	City of Rio Rancho	X		
Michael Meek, Commissioner	Sandoval County			
Jayme Espinoza		X		
Peter Nieto, Mayor	Town of Mountainair			
Steve Lucero, Mayor	Village of San Ysidro			
Jennifer Garcia				
Elias Sanchez, Mayor	Village of Encino			
Chris Gillespie, Mayor	Village of Bosque Farms			
Michael Limon		X		
Shaline Lopez				
Denny Herrera, Mayor	Village of Cuba			
Charles Griego, Mayor	Village of Los Lunas			
Marcos Castillo		X		
Debra Sanchez				
Nathan Dial, Mayor	Town of Estancia	X		

Bernadette Anaya				
Tim Keller, Mayor Monica Mitchell Justin Hilliard Rachel Snyder	City of Albuquerque	X		
David Dean, Mayor	Village of Willard			
Brandon S. Webb, Mayor Steve Anaya Deborah Liu	City of Moriarty	X		
Robert Noblin, Mayor Roseann Peralta Steven Tomita	City of Belen	X		
Lawrence Rael, Mayor	Village of Los Ranchos			
James Fahey, Mayor	Village of Corrales			
Morris Sparkman Orlando Montoya	Valencia County	X		

## DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT/ADJOURNMENT

### Discussion

- **Stacy Sacco – Chair Comments**
  - Mr. Sacco stated that he and some Board Members will be heading off to Washington, DC. In a couple of weeks to go to the National Association of Workforce Boards Forum. He sated it's a great opportunity for us to connect with other boards across the country and hear new ideas.
  - He will be attending an event called Advocacy Day. It's a new this year, but they bring in Senators and Congressmen, He has met Mr. Turley, and they prepared a couple documents to present to them.
  - He noted that he has been working with Cindy Cordova, board attorney about putting together some teams on the board to review the bids that come in for the One Stop Operator, Adult/Dislocated Worker and the Youth Service providers. They should be meeting in a couple of weeks to review the bid.
- **Mr. Martinez had the Executive Standing Committee introduced themselves**
- **Procurement One-Stop Operator, Adult & Dislocated Worker & Youth Service Provider – Cindy Cordova**
  - Ms. Cindy Cordova, German Burnett and Associates firm. She stated we provide the legal counsel for the MRCOG and the Workforce board.
  - She explained that on January 31, 2025, three Request for Proposals went out on behalf of the board. Those there RFP's were the One Stop Operator, Youth Services Provider and the adult and dislocated workers Provider.
  - She stated that the law firm worked with staff to update the statistical information about employment in Central New Mexico, and they also helped us to update the scope of work. So, these contracts have been updated and they are going to be issued for 4 year contracts with each contract being renewed and updated every year.

- Instructions on how to respond to the RFP's were posted on the MRCOG and WCCNM Websites
- RFP's were posted in the Albuquerque Journal there were the information was put on the website, and the law firm contacted prior offers to let them know that these new bids were out.
- there is a timeframe or a timeline of events that's put in the contract. So once January 31st it was issued, then starts a 14 day question and answer period. So all of the questions that are asked by various applicants are posted on the website, and the responses were also posted, so we had staff to help us respond to the different questions. RFP's are due at our office on April 1, 2025 at 3:00 pm.
- **WCCNM CEO Agreement - CEO signatures**
  - Mr. Martinez discussed the WCCNM CEO Agreement, as you recall at the last CEO meeting we had some changes in order to address some of the situations that we faced in assigning membership to the Executive Committee. Therefore, it's going to require new signatures from our CEO's. On March 14<sup>th</sup> when the agenda went out CEO Agreement was attached. Miss Giddings will be working with you all to make sure that we get all the signatures and move that forward.
- **WCCNM Budget Update**
  - Mr. Turley, WCCNM Finance Manager presented the WCCNM Financials and explained the breakdown of all monies spent.
- **Strategies and Initiatives - Technology Update Presentation: by Carmela Beck, Aymara Reyes & Lixmara Reyes**
  - Technology presentation was given
- **Update –**
  - Adult/Dislocated Worker – Patricia Georges gave update on the Adult/Dislocated Worker Program
  - Youth – Concha Cordova - Tammy Chaves gave update on the Youth Program
- **Update on USDOL Grants: - No update given as staff were out sick**
  - Re-entry Citizens – Pathway Home 3 (Chances) – Tawnya Rowland
  - H1B Building Career Pathways for Infrastructure Fund Jobs – Sonora Rodriguez
- **WCCNM Operations Update – No update given due to time**
- **WCCNM Finance Standing Committee - CEO participation**
  - Mr. Martinez encouraged a CEO member to participate in Finance Standing Committee. He stated its important for member to participate as they get into more depth conversations of the finances and the CEO's are primarily responsible for the finances of the Central Region Local Workforce Board.

□ **Public Comments – No**

**Adjournment – 11.22 am**

**Next Meeting –WCCNM CEO Meeting, July 8, 2025, at 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 at the March 24, 2025 WCCNM Joint CEO/Executive Standing Committee Meeting**

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Gregg Hull, CEO Chair

ATTEST:

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Secretary