

# MINUTES



## Executive Standing Committee

Monday, September 15, 2025

1:30 pm

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

Call to Order – 1:47 pm – Vaadra Chavez, Chair-Elect

### Member

- **Karla Causey**, Treasurer, Finance Standing Committee Chair
- **Vaadra Chavez**, Chair-Elect, Operations Standing Committee Chair
- **Gabriel Esparza**, Youth Standing Committee Chair
- NP - Antoinette Holmes**, Disability Standing Committee Chair
  - **Honorable Gregg Hull**, CEO
  - **John Mierzwa**, Past -Chair
- NP - Debbie Ortiz**, Torrance County Rep.
- NP - Stacy Sacco**, Chair
  - **Susan Yasenka**, Valencia County Rep
- Vacant**, Bernalillo County Rep.
- Vacant**, Sandoval County Rep.

• <i>In-Person</i>	○ <i>Virtual</i>	<i>NP – Not Present</i>
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### Approval of Monday, September 15, 2025 Agenda

- Ms. Vaadra Chavez, Chair-Elect, presented the September 15, 2025, Agenda:  
“Without objection, I move that the September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 WCCNM Agenda be approved.  
Since, there is no objection the September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 WCCNM Agenda is approved.”

### Tab 1: Approval of WCCNM Minutes for September 16, 2024

- Ms. Vaadra Chavez, Chair-Elect, presented the September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Minutes:  
“Without objection, I move that the September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Minutes be approved.  
Since, there is no objection the September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Minutes is approved.”

**ACTION ITEMS**

Tab 2

**Approval of America's Job Centers Recertifications**

**By: Tawnya Rowland, Program Manager**

- Ms. Rowland presented the American's Job Centers Recertification.
- WCCNM is required to certify the one-stop centers at least once every three years. It is a requirement for continued infrastructure funding for the centers and the one-stop delivery system as a whole.
- In your packet, you have a one-stop recertification application for each one of the four America's Job Center's locations. Each one of them is an attempt to measure the effectiveness, physical and programmatic accessibility, and continuous quality improvement offered from each one of the four centers.
- The center in Albuquerque is the comprehensive one-stop. The other three, Sandoval, Valencia, and Torrance are the affiliate centers who offer all the services that are available within the Central Region.
- Each application gives you an overview of the one-stop partners, their contact information, what their participation looks like, whether they are co-located within the America's Job Center, or if they are off-site. It also talks about number of full-time equivalent staff, whether there are MOUs in place, and it provides a description of each one of the partners.

**No questions**

**Motion: Gregg Hull**

**Second: John Mierzwa**

**No Discussion**

**Action: Passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote.**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
	<b>In-</b>	<b>In-</b>	<b>In-</b>
	<b>Person/Virtual</b>	<b>Person/Virtual</b>	<b>Person/Virtual</b>
<b>Karla Causey</b>	<b>I</b>		
<b>Vaadra Chavez</b>	<b>I</b>		
<b>Gabriel Esparza</b>	<b>V</b>		
<b>Antoinette Holmes</b>	<b>NP</b>		
<b>Gregg Hull</b>	<b>V</b>		
<b>John Mierzwa</b>	<b>V</b>		
<b>Debbie Ortiz</b>	<b>NP</b>		
<b>Stacy Sacco</b>	<b>NP</b>		
<b>Susan Yasenka</b>	<b>V</b>		

**INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Tab 5 **WIOA Updates –**

- Mr. Maritnez talked briefly about the budget. There is uncertainty with what's going to happen as there are 15 days for the Congressional group to come up with

something in order to fund the government. As far as WIOA is concerned we have funding till next June. Although, it can be pulled back.

- It would take presidential and congressional actions to do that, but it's not unreasonable and is possible to see something of that nature happening.
- He stated Gabriel Esparza created a great presentation for us during the Operations Committee, regarding Job Corps, and he will have a similar presentation for the full board meeting and we really appreciate the information provided.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT/ADJOURNMENT**

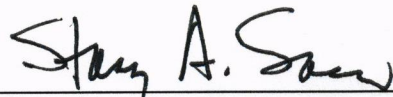
**Public Comments – None**

**Adjournment – 1:58 pm**

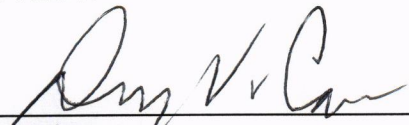
**Next Meeting: WCCNM Joint CEO Board/Executive Standing Committee,  
November 17, 2025, 10:00 am**

*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 on November 17, 2025**

  
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Stacy Sacco, WCCNM Chair-Elect

**ATTEST:**

  
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Secretary

“Equal Opportunity Program”