



**MINUTES**  
**Full Board Meeting**  
**Hybrid Meeting**  
**Monday, October 20, 2025**  
**809 Copper Ave. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102**  
**1:30 pm**

*Before the meeting began Art Martinez explained that when voting takes place, we will ask for a roll call for those who don't approve and then identify the names of the members that did not respond to the "don't approve" as an affirmative vote. Additionally, prior to the affirmative roll call members that abstain from voting will respond via voice confirmation to the Board Chair and describe the reason. After the names are called for the affirmative vote, the chair will pause and ask those that do not concur with the affirmative roll call vote to voice a different vote. To ensure that a quorum remains, Ms. Nicole Giddings monitors the participants to ensure quorum is present and notes if a member is not available.*

*Due to zoom technical difficulties. When the meeting began the recording was started on the zoom. We learned at Tab 2 the meeting was not being recorded and at that point restarted the recording. The roll call was performed to individual member and approval of agenda were passed unanimously by voice vote and raising of hands.*

**Call to Order: Stacy Sacco, Chair-Elect at 1:32 pm**

**Roll Call - by Art Martinez**

| • <b>In-Person</b> | ○ <b>Virtual</b> | <b>NP – Not Present</b> |
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**NP - Karla Causey, Treasurer** - Black Chamber of Commerce of New Mexico

- **Robert Chavez** – Youth Development Inc.
- **Vaadra Chavez ,Chair-Elect** - Securin
- **Troy Clark** – New Mexico Hospital Association
- **Chris Corbine** – Woodruff Engineering, Inc.
- **Gabriel Esparza** – Albuquerque Job Corps

**NP - Bobby Getts** - NM JATC for the Electrical Industry.

- **Tracy Hartzler** – Central New Mexico Community College
- **Justin Hilliard** – City of Albuquerque, Economic Development
- **Antoinette Holmes** - NM Department of Vocational Rehabilitation

**NP - Gregg Hull** – City of Rio Rancho

**NP - Dr. Kristopher Johnson** – Rio Rancho Public Schools

- **Robert Leming** – New Mexico Chamber of Commerce
- **Roxanne Luna** - New Mexico Human Services Department

○ **Holly Muller**, Presbyterian Healthcare Services

○ **Leslie Munoz**, Maxeon

**NP - Debbie Ortiz**, RDO Enterprises

• **Stacy Sacco, Chair**– SACCO Connections

○ **James Salas** – New Mexico Commission for the Blind

**NP - Waldy Salazar** – New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions

**NP - Leslie Sanchez** – Dual Language Education of New Mexico

○ **Jerry Schalow**– Rancho Regional Chamber of Commerce

○ **Tom Schuch**– New Mexico Restaurant Association

○ **Jennifer Sinsabaugh** – New Mexico MEP

**NP - Elisha Torres-Saavedra** – PNM

○ **Raymond Trujillo** – Southwest Piping Institute (Local 412)

• **David Valdes** – Central New Mexico Community College

• **David Vadera** – 2Gates2Paths, LLC

- **James Magoffe** - Yearout Mechanical Inc.

- **Susan YaSenka** - University of New Mexico Valencia Campus

- **John Mierzwa** – Ingenuity Software Labs, Inc

## **New Board Member Introduction**

**Chris Corbine** – Woodruff Engineering, Inc.

**Holly Muller**, Presbyterian Healthcare Services

**David Vedera** – 2Gates2Paths, LLC

## **Approval of WCCNM Full Board Agenda, October 20, 2025**

- Mr. Sacco, Board Chair, presented the October 20, 2025, WCCNM Full Board Minutes

“Without objection, I move that the October 20, 2025, WCCNM Minutes be approved.

Since, there is no objection the October 20, 2025, WCCNM Minutes is approved.”

## **Tab 1: Approval of WCCNM Full Board Minutes, August 18, 2025**

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## **Tab 2: Understanding the Impact of Job Corps: History, Pathways, and Student Success**

by Gabriel Esparza

**Federal Changes in Adult Education** by David Valdes, CNM & Amber Gallup, New Mexico Public Education

- If you would like more detailed information on the presentations (please request in writing for a copy of the zoom recording).

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**None**

## **SERVICE & TRAINING PROVIDER UPDATES**

### **Tab 3 Chairman's Items**

- Mr. Sacco thanked Vaadra Chavez for filling in for him last month.
- He noted that Ms. Chavez and himself attended the National Association of Workforce Boards last year at met with Heinrich's and Lujan's office. They stated it was a great visit talking about workforce. They noted it is a challenging time right now in Washington. We need to keep all lines of communication open.
- He stated that are many meetings coming up.

### **Tab 4 Workforce Connection Operations Report – September 30, 2025**

- Daniel Sanchez gave update on the Operations at the American Job Centers.
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Tab 5      **Additional Grant Updates**

**Pathway Home 3 – CHANCES**

- Tawnya Rowland, Program Manager provided an update on the Pathway Home 3, Chances Grant. It was awarded in 2022 to support reentry services for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals. The grant is now entering its final eight months of the funding period.
- We had 161 participants enrolled toward the overall goal of 200. YDI serves as the subrecipient contractor responsible for program management.
- Serving this population has been challenging but the outcomes remain strong.
- As the grant period concludes, the focus has shifted to supporting employed participants in job retention and career advancement.

**H1B Building Career Pathways for Infrastructure Fund Jobs**

- Sonora Rodriguez, Program Manager provided an update on the H1B Career Pathways Grant. She stated this is a 5 year discretionary grant focused on broadband, transportation, and renewable energy sectors.
- The goal is to enroll 250 participants in training and job placements.
- Convening with employers, training institutions, and regional partners to identify workforce and talent needs in the target sectors.
- To date they have 89 participants have been co-enrolled with support from WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker programs. Of these, 18 have been enrolled this quarter, and 6 participants have completed CDL (Commercial Driver's License) training.
- Other enrollments are in the transportation sector, primarily CDL training. Since July, the program has also supported training for electrical apprenticeships, low-voltage technicians, and grain operators through on-the-job training.
- We also have a subrecipient grant with CNM Ingenuity and UNM – Valencia
- Staff have been working with NMDWS to organize a Sector Strategic Convening on October 29, 2025, at 1:00 at Isleta Casino

**INFORMATIONAL UPDATES**

Tab 6      **Summary of Executive Committee Meeting for September 15, 2025 –** Provided in packet  
Tab 7      **WIOA Monthly Expenditure Report for September 30, 2025**  
              **by Jesse Turley, Workforce Accounting Manager**

- Jesse Turley, WCCNM Accounting Manager, provided reporting for the WIOA Monthly expenditure report as of September 30, 2025
- Year-to-date formula and other funding sources expenditures including the UDSDOL Chances Grant & USDOL H1B Grant for the current period, totaled \$1,833,076 with a total year-to- date expenditure

**Questions & Comments**

Tab 8      **WIOA Updates**

- Holiday Luncheon informational Session, December 15, 2025, is in the planning.

**STANDING/AD -HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Disability Standing Committee - No Report**

**Finance Standing Committee – No Report**

**Operations Standing Committee**

- Ms. Chavez, stated we did meet last month, she has encouraged participants to start thinking about what we can ask the board for help, support and direction on.

### **Youth Standing Committee**

- Mr. Esparza gave an update on Job Corps, he stated that he gave the same presentation to the Committee and asked for feedback.
- Business Engagement/Economic Development Ad-Hoc- No Update
- Establish Separate Funding Entity Ad-Hoc – No Update

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/ADJOURNMENT**

**Public Comments – No  
Adjournment 3:20 pm**

### **NOTES**

#### **Next Meeting:**

Date: Monday, February 23 2026  
Time: 1:30 p.m.  
Location: Mid-Region Council of Governments

***Anyone requiring special accommodations please notify the MRCOG office at  
247-1750 seven (7) days prior to the meeting***

***“Equal Opportunity Program”***

**Approved at the XXXX, XXXX, WCCNM Full Board Meeting:**

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Stacy Sacco, WCCNM Chair-Elect

ATTEST:

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Secretary

***“Equal Opportunity Program”***