



MINUTES

Chief Elected Officials Meeting

Hybrid Meeting

Monday, June 9, 2026

809 Copper Ave. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

10:30 pm

Opening Notes

Before the meeting started 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.

Call to Order

Steve Anaya, CEO Chair at 10:10 am

Roll Call – Determination of Quorum

Facilitator: Nicole Giddings

Attendees:

Attendee	Organization	In Person	Virtual	Not Present
Jake Bruton, Mayor Maria Martinez, Designee	Village of Tijeras		X	
Joseph Chavez, Mayor Kori Taylor, Designee Steve Robbins, Designee	Town of Peralta			X
Jack Torres, Mayor Christina Jones, Designee	Town of Bernalillo	X		
Mike Nealeigh, Mayor Heather Guetierrez, Designee	Village of Jemez Springs		X	
Adriann Barboa, Commissioner	Bernalillo County			X



Attendee	Organization	In Person	Virtual	Not Present
Ryan Schweback, Commissioner Michelle Jones, Designee Kevin McCall, Designee	Torrance County		X	
Ken Brennan, Mayor Jerry Powers, Designee	Town of Edgewood		X	
Paul Wymer, Mayor	City of Rio Rancho			X
Michael Meek, Commissioner Jayme Catanach, Designee	Sandoval County		X	
Peter Nieto, Mayor	Town of Mountainair			X
Steve Lucero, Mayor Jennifer Garcia	Village of San Ysidro			X
Elias Sanchez, Mayor Mary Aragon, Designee	Village of Encino		X	
Chris Gillespie, Mayor Michael Limon, Designee Shaline Lopez, Designee	Village of Bosque Farms		X	
Denny Herrera, Mayor	Village of Cuba			X
Charles Griego, Mayor Marcos Castillo, Designee Debra Sanchez, Designee	Village of Los Lunas		X	
Runnel Riley, Mayor Veronica Navarette, Designee	Town of Estancia		X	
Tim Keller, Mayor Monica Mitchell, Designee Justin Hilliard, Designee	City of Albuquerque		X	
Edward Redondo, Mayor Casandra Garcia, Designee	Village of Willard		X	
Steve Anaya, Mayor	City of Moriarty	X		
Robert Noblin, Mayor Roseann Peralta, Designee Steven Tomita, Designee	City of Belen			X
Lawrence Rael, Mayor	Village of Los Ranchos			X
Fred Hashimoto, Mayor Mandy Wolfe, Designee	Village of Corrales			X
Morris Sparkman Orlando Montoya, Designee	Valencia County		X	

Summary: The attendance table identifies meeting participants, their organizations, and whether they attended in person, virtually, or were not present.



Agenda Items

Approval of Agenda, June 9, 2026

Motion: Chris Gillespie, Mayor

Second: Ken Brennan, Mayor

No Discussion

Action: Passed unanimously by Voice Vote

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Jake Bruton, Mayor				
Maria Martinez, Designee	V			
Joseph Chavez, Mayor				
Kori Taylor, Designee				
Steve Robbins, Designee				
Jack Torres, Mayor				
Christina Jones, Designee	I			
Mike Nealeigh, Mayor	V			
Heather Guetierrez, Designee				
Adriann Barboa, Commissioner				
Ryan Schweback, Commissioner				
Michelle Jones, Designee	V			
Kevin McCall, Designee				
Ken Brennan, Mayor	V			
Jerry Powers, Designee				
Paul Wymer, Mayor				
Michael Meek, Commissioner				
Jayne Catanach, Designee	V			
Peter Nieto, Mayor				
Steve Lucero, Mayor				
Jennifer Garcia				
Elias Sanchez, Mayor				
Mary Aragon, Designee	V			
Chris Gillespie, Mayor	V			
Michael Limon, Designee				
Shaline Lopez, Designee				
Denny Herrera, Mayor				
Charles Griego, Mayor				
Marcos Castillo, Designee	V			
Debra Sanchez, Designee				
Runnel Riley, Mayor				
Veronica Navarette, Designee	V			
Tim Keller, Mayor				
Monica Mitchell, Designee				
Justin Hilliard, Designee	V			
Edward Redondo, Mayor				
Casandra Garcia, Designee	V			



Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Steve Anaya, Mayor	I			
Robert Noblin, Mayor				
Roseann Peralta, Designee				
Steven Tomita, Designee				
Lawrence Rael, Mayor				
Fred Hashimoto, Mayor				
Mandy Wolfe, Designee				
Morris Sparkman				
Orlando Montoya, Designee	V			

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Tab 1: Approval of Minutes, Chief Elected Officials: November 17, 2025

Motion: Ken Brennon, Mayor

Second: Jayme Catanach, for Commissioner Micheal Meek

No Discussion

Action: Passed unanimously by Voice Vote

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Jake Bruton, Mayor				
Maria Martinez, Designee	V			
Joseph Chavez, Mayor				
Kori Taylor, Designee				
Steve Robbins, Designee				
Jack Torres, Mayor				
Christina Jones, Designee	I			
Mike Nealeigh, Mayor	V			
Heather Guetierrez, Designee				
Adriann Barboa, Commissioner				
Ryan Schweback, Commissioner				
Michelle Jones, Designee	V			
Kevin McCall, Designee				
Ken Brennan, Mayor	V			
Jerry Powers, Designee				
Paul Wymer, Mayor				
Michael Meek, Commissioner				
Jayme Catanach, Designee	V			
Peter Nieto, Mayor				
Steve Lucero, Mayor				
Jennifer Garcia				
Elias Sanchez, Mayor				
Mary Aragon, Designee	V			
Chris Gillespie, Mayor	V			
Michael Limon, Designee				



Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Shaline Lopez, Designee				
Denny Herrera, Mayor				
Charles Griego, Mayor				
Marcos Castillo, Designee	V			
Debra Sanchez, Designee				
Runnel Riley, Mayor				
Veronica Navarette, Designee	V			
Tim Keller, Mayor				
Monica Mitchell, Designee				
Justin Hilliard, Designee	V			
Edward Redondo, Mayor				
Casandra Garcia, Designee	V			
Steve Anaya, Mayor	I			
Robert Noblin, Mayor				
Roseann Peralta, Designee				
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Lawrence Rael, Mayor				
Fred Hashimoto, Mayor				
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Because a quorum had not yet been established, no action could be taken on the contracts. Staff proceeded with informational presentations while efforts continued to obtain quorum.

Contract Renewals and Grant Updates

Mr. Arthur Martinez gave updates regarding several contracts scheduled for approval. He reported that four contract renewals were being presented for consideration, including:

- Administrative Entity/Fiscal Agent – Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG)
- One-Stop Operator – Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG)
- Adult and Dislocated Worker Service Provider – Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG)
- Youth Service Provider – Youth Development, Inc. (YDI)

H-1B Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant Update

Mr. Martinez provided an overview of the H-1B Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant, noting that the project will enter its fourth year of the five-year grant period. He explained



that significant work has been focused on building infrastructure and integrating the grant into the regional workforce system to support long-term sustainability.

The grant continues to develop career pathways in three priority sectors:

- Energy
- Transportation
- Broadband

Sonora Rodriguez, Program Manager, presented the program update:

- Approximately 112 participants have received case management services.
- Participants continue to receive supportive services.
- A successful pilot partnership was launched with CNM Ingenuity through the Lineworker Program using a co-case management model with the Dislocated Worker Program.
- Staff intends to replicate the collaborative model with additional training providers.
- Plans are under way to re-engage the Sector Advisory Council to strengthen employer partnerships within the targeted industries.
- Continued efforts will focus on increasing participant enrollment and meeting grant performance goals during the remaining two years of the grant.

Mr. Martinez recognized Ms. Rodriguez for her service to WCCNM and MRCOG and congratulated her on her new professional opportunity, noting that this would be her final CEO meeting.

Regional Workforce Summit

Staff announced the upcoming Regional Workforce Summit, a collaborative effort between Workforce Connection of Central New Mexico, Albuquerque Regional Economic Alliance (AREA), and Central New Mexico Community College (CNM).

The summit will focus on the emerging technology economy, workforce needs in advanced manufacturing, aerospace, energy, and related industries, while highlighting career pathways and short-term training opportunities such as technology boot camps.

Board members were encouraged to attend the event and participate in employer engagement activities designed to strengthen regional sector strategies.

Chair Remarks

Board Chair Stacy Sacco introduced himself to the committee and expressed appreciation for the work being accomplished throughout the workforce system. He noted the positive outcomes achieved through workforce training initiatives and thanked committee members for their continued participation and support.



Pathway Home 3 Grant Update

Tawnya Rowland, Sr. Program Manager reported that the Pathway Home 3 (CHANCES) Reentry Employment Grant, which concludes on June 30, 2026.

- Approximately 160 participants were served out of the projected 200.
- Participants began receiving job readiness services while incarcerated and continued receiving employment and case management services following release.
- Extensive supportive services, including behavioral health resources, were provided.
- A comprehensive network of community partners was established to better serve justice-involved individuals.
- Staff is completing fiscal and programmatic closeout requirements.
- A recidivism report is being prepared to compare participant outcomes with statewide recidivism rates.

Budget and Contract Updates

Mr. Martinez noted that the committee had met prior to the meeting and reviewed the Administrative Entity/Fiscal Agent contract with MRCOG. He explained the scope of services, including administrative oversight, fiscal management, workforce staffing, one-stop operations, accounting, and board support.

The Finance Standing Committee had recommended minor revisions to the proposed FY 2026–2027 contracts and preliminary budget.

The committee reviewed the Administrative Entity/Fiscal Agent contract with MRCOG. Staff explained the scope of services, including administrative oversight, fiscal management, workforce staffing, one-stop operations, accounting, and board support.

Quorum

Throughout the meeting, staff continued efforts to establish **quorums** by contacting an absent Chief Elected Official who was experiencing technical difficulties. While waiting, informational presentations continued; however, no official action or votes were taken until quorum could be confirmed.



Quorum determined at 10:41 am

Action Items

Tab 2: Nomination and Approval of WCCNM Lead CEO

- Mr. Anaya volunteered for the position of WCCNM Lead CEO

Motin: Ken Brennan, Mayor nominated Mayor Steve Anaya as the Lead CEO

Second: Michelle Jones for Commissioner Ryan Schweback

Discussion: No Discussion

Action: Passed unanimously by Rol Call Vote

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Jake Bruton, Mayor				
Maria Martinez, Designee	V			
Joseph Chavez, Mayor				
Kori Taylor, Designee				
Steve Robbins, Designee				
Jack Torres, Mayor				
Christiana Jones, Designee	I			
Mike Nealeigh, Mayor	V			
Heather Guetierrez, Designee				
Adriann Barboa, Commissioner				
Ryan Schweback, Commissioner				
Michelle Jones, Designee	V			
Kevin McCall, Designee				
Ken Brennan, Mayor	V			
Jerry Powers, Designee				
Paul Wymer, Mayor				
Michael Meek, Commissioner				
Jayne Catanach, Designee	V			
Peter Nieto, Mayor				
Steve Lucero, Mayor				
Jennifer Garcia				
Elias Sanchez, Mayor				
Mary Aragon, Designee	V			
Chris Gillespie, Mayor	V			
Michael Limon, Designee				
Shaline Lopez, Designee				
Denny Herrera, Mayor				
Charles Griego, Mayor				
Marcos Castillo, Designee				
Debra Sanchez, Designee	V			
Runnel Riley, Mayor				
Veronica Navarette, Designee	V			
Tim Keller, Mayor				
Monica Mitchell, Designee				



Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Justin Hilliard, Designee	V			
Edward Redondo, Mayor				
Casandra Garcia, Designee	V			
Steve Anaya, Mayor	I			
Robert Noblin, Mayor				
Roseann Peralta, Designee				
Steven Tomita, Designee				
Lawrence Rael, Mayor				
Fred Hashimoto, Mayor				
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Morris Sparkman				
Orlando Montoya, Designee	V			

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Tab 3: Approval of WFCP-02-26, PY26 Preliminary Budget

- Mr. Martinez introduced Elena King, who has served as the Workforce Connection of Central New Mexico's lead accountant since February, following the departure of Jesse Turley. Ms. King presented the Preliminary Program Year (PY) 2026 Budget for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
- Ms. King explained the budget is based on the allocation of funds received from the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, as the pass-through entity, and projected carry-in amounts.
- The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (NMDWS) issued the PY26 allocation which indicated a 7.66% decrease for the Central Region. The allocation presented to WCCNM are as follows: Adult \$1,682,342, Dislocated Worker \$3,681,863 Youth \$1,527,768 and Administrative in the amount of \$765,768 for a total PY26 allocation of \$7,657,682. This is a \$635,390 decrease from the prior year's \$8,293,072.
- The PY26 Preliminary Budget estimates the formula carry-in from PY25 to PY26 in the amount of \$1,826,000. It is estimated with \$1,000,000 Adult, \$400,000 Dislocated Worker, \$243,000 Youth and \$182,600 Administrative dollars.
- The PY26 Preliminary Budget includes an additional \$1,200,000 to serve the WIOA population and help with the budgetary reductions from NMDWS.
- The PY26 Preliminary Budget has an initial request to transfer \$300,000 monies of Dislocated Worker to Adult to align with currently experienced clientele mix. This will still need approval by NMDWS. An Additional \$2,000,000 is being planned for later.



- The PY26 Preliminary Budget provides monies in the Professional Services category of \$65,000 Board Expenses, \$15,000 Legal and \$65,000 Audit, \$210,572 in Contingency, which includes the balance of the Sale of Lease & Social Security Ticket-to-Work.
- PY26 Preliminary budget adds the new NMDWS Community Based Funding Grant in the amount of \$285,000 for the purposes of serving Youth interested in skilled trades work-based learning opportunities.
- PY26 Preliminary budget continues to have the one ongoing USDOL grant Career Pathways Infrastructure. It brings in additional directed funding streams to serve central area, thus there is one additional service provider contract with MRCOG.
- Total Financial Budget totals \$12,552,984.

Motin: Ken Brennan, Mayor

Second: Michelle Jones for Commissioner Ryan Schweback

Discussion: No Discussion

Action: Passed unanimously by Rol Call Vote

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
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Joseph Chavez, Mayor				
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Jack Torres, Mayor				
Christina Jones, Designee	I			
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Mary Aragon, Designee	V			
Chris Gillespie, Mayor	V			
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Charles Griego, Mayor				
Marcos Castillo, Designee	V			
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Tim Keller, Mayor				
Monica Mitchell, Designee				
Justin Hilliard, Designee	V			
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Lawrence Rael, Mayor				
Fred Hashimoto, Mayor				
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Tab 4: Approval of Workforce Connection of Central New Mexico Service Provider Annual Contract Amendment Renewal Requests (with Risk Assessments)

A. Administrative Entity and Fiscal Agent with the Mid-Region Council of Governments

Motion: Michelle Jones for Commissioner Ryan Schweback

Second: Mike Nealeigh, Mayor

Discussion: No Discussion

Action: Passed unanimously by Rol Call Vote

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Jake Bruton, Mayor				
Maria Martinez, Designee	V			
Joseph Chavez, Mayor				
Kori Taylor, Designee				
Steve Robbins, Designee				
Jack Torres, Mayor				
Christina Jones, Designee	I			
Mike Nealeigh, Mayor	V			
Heather Guetierrez, Designee				
Adriann Barboa, Commissioner				



Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Ryan Schweback, Commissioner				
Michelle Jones, Designee	V			
Kevin McCall, Designee				
Ken Brennan, Mayor	V			
Jerry Powers, Designee				
Paul Wymer, Mayor				
Michael Meek, Commissioner				
Jayne Catanach, Designee	V			
Peter Nieto, Mayor				
Steve Lucero, Mayor				
Jennifer Garcia				
Elias Sanchez, Mayor				
Mary Aragon, Designee	V			
Chris Gillespie, Mayor	V			
Michael Limon, Designee				
Shaline Lopez, Designee				
Denny Herrera, Mayor				
Charles Griego, Mayor				
Marcos Castillo, Designee	V			
Debra Sanchez, Designee				
Runnel Riley, Mayor				
Veronica Navarette, Designee	V			
Tim Keller, Mayor				
Monica Mitchell, Designee				
Justin Hilliard, Designee	V			
Edward Redondo, Mayor				
Casandra Garcia, Designee	V			
Steve Anaya, Mayor	I			
Robert Noblin, Mayor				
Roseann Peralta, Designee				
Steven Tomita, Designee				
Lawrence Rael, Mayor				
Fred Hashimoto, Mayor				
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Orlando Montoya, Designee	V			

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A. One-Stop Operator Contract with the Mid-Region Council of Governments

- Mr. Martinez presented the One-Stop Operator contract with the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG).
- He explained that the One-Stop Operator currently consists of 1.2 full-time equivalent positions responsible for coordinating workforce system operations



across the Central Region's four American Job Center locations in Bernalillo County (Albuquerque), Sandoval County (Rio Rancho), Torrance County (Moriarty) and Valencia County (Los Lunas)

- He noted that the One-Stop Operator coordinates services among WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, Youth, Career Services, and other required workforce partners throughout the region.
- Mr. Martinez stated that Daniel Sanchez, Operations Manager, also oversees facilities management, including leases, equipment, and infrastructure. While these duties extend beyond the regulatory responsibilities of the One-Stop Operator, approximately 15% of his time is dedicated to facility-related responsibilities, compared to the 20% budgeted in the previous year.
- Mr. Martinez also discussed the Program Manager position responsible for Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI). Responsibilities include improving customer service, front desk operations, partner coordination, and expanding technology solutions to increase efficiency while maintaining and improving service quality despite declining funding.
- He emphasized the continued effort to recruit and engage additional workforce partners, noting that any organization receiving federal workforce funding is considered a required partner. He stated the Central Region has been successful in building strong partnerships and maintaining positive performance outcomes.
- As part of the contract renewal, Board members received a risk assessment for both the Fiscal Agent and the One-Stop Operator.

Motion: Justin Hilliard for Mayor Tim Keller

Second: Chris Gillespie, Mayor

Discussion: No Discussion

Action: Passed unanimously by Rol Call Vote

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Jake Bruton, Mayor				
Maria Martinez, Designee	V			
Joseph Chavez, Mayor				
Kori Taylor, Designee				
Steve Robbins, Designee				
Jack Torres, Mayor				
Christina Jones, Designee	I			
Mike Nealeigh, Mayor	V			
Heather Guetierrez, Designee				
Adriann Barboa, Commissioner				
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Michelle Jones, Designee	V			
Kevin McCall, Designee				
Ken Brennan, Mayor	V			
Jerry Powers, Designee				
Paul Wymer, Mayor				
Michael Meek, Commissioner				
Jayne Catanach, Designee	V			
Peter Nieto, Mayor				



Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Steve Lucero, Mayor Jennifer Garcia				
Elias Sanchez, Mayor Mary Aragon, Designee	V			
Chris Gillespie, Mayor Michael Limon, Designee Shaline Lopez, Designee	V			
Denny Herrera, Mayor				
Charles Griego, Mayor Marcos Castillo, Designee Debra Sanchez, Designee	V			
Runnel Riley, Mayor Veronica Navarette, Designee	V			
Tim Keller, Mayor Monica Mitchell, Designee Justin Hilliard, Designee	V			
Edward Redondo, Mayor Casandra Garcia, Designee	V			
Steve Anaya, Mayor	I			
Robert Noblin, Mayor Roseann Peralta, Designee Steven Tomita, Designee				
Lawrence Rael, Mayor				
Fred Hashimoto, Mayor Mandy Wolfe, Designee				
Morris Sparkman Orlando Montoya, Designee	V			

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B. Adult/Dislocated Worker Service Provider Contract with the Mid-Region Council of Governments

- Mr. Martinez presented the proposed renewal of the Adult and Dislocated Worker Service Provider contract with the Mid-Region Council of Governments. He explained that these programs represent the largest service provider contract within the workforce system, delivering employment, training, supportive services, and work-based learning opportunities to eligible adults and dislocated workers.
- Mr. Martinez noted that MRCOG has successfully administered the programs for the past four years following a competitive procurement process and has consistently achieved some of the highest performance outcomes in the state.
- The proposed contract amount reflects an increase from the previous year due primarily to the indirect cost rate rising from 18.33% to 22.77%. He further explained that additional state general fund appropriations will supplement WIOA



funding and enable the continuation of current service levels while maintaining compliance with WIOA requirements.

Motion: Michelle Jones for Commissioner Ryan Schweback

Second: Ken Brennan, Mayor

Discussion: No Discussion

Action: Passed unanimously by Rol Call Vote

C. Youth Service Provider Contract with Youth Development Inc.

- Mr. Martinez presented the proposed renewal of the Youth Service Provider contract with Youth Development, Inc. (YDI). He noted that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended the budget for approval prior to Board consideration.
- The proposed contract amount reflects a slight reduction from the previous year due to decreased Youth program funding. As a result, YDI reduced staffing by one Business Services Representative and one Case Manager but indicated that existing staff can continue to provide quality services.
- Mr. Martinez emphasized the importance of continuing to serve disengaged youth ages 16–24. He highlighted the ongoing practice of co-enrolling participants ages 18 and older in both the Youth and Adult programs, allowing youth to continue receiving case management through the Youth program while utilizing adult program funds for training services, thereby maximizing available resources.

Motion: Justin Hilliard for Mayor Tim Keller

Second: Chris Gillespie, Mayor

Discussion: No Discussion

Action: Passed unanimously by Rol Call Vote

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Jake Bruton, Mayor				
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Ryan Schweback, Commissioner				
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Ken Brennan, Mayor	V			
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Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Peter Nieto, Mayor				
Steve Lucero, Mayor				
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Mary Aragon, Designee	V			
Chris Gillespie, Mayor	V			
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Charles Griego, Mayor				
Marcos Castillo, Designee	V			
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Runnel Riley, Mayor				
Veronica Navarette, Designee	V			
Tim Keller, Mayor				
Monica Mitchell, Designee				
Justin Hilliard, Designee	V			
Edward Redondo, Mayor				
Casandra Garcia, Designee	V			
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Tab 5: Approval of Workforce Connection New Mexico (WCCM) Board Nominations

- Ms. Giddings, Program Coordinator/Board Secretary, presented the updated Board membership roster for Program Year 2026, which included confirmation of current members, term renewals, and one new Board nomination.
- Board member Justin Hilliard announced that he would abstain from voting due to his inclusion on the list of nominees.

Motion: Chris Gillespie, Mayor

Second: Mary Aragon for Mayor Elias Sanchez

Discussion: No Discussion

Action: Passed unanimously by Rol Call Vote



Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Jake Bruton, Mayor				
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Steve Robbins, Designee				
Jack Torres, Mayor				
Christina Jones, Designee	I			
Mike Nealeigh, Mayor	V			
Heather Guetierrez, Designee				
Adriann Barboa, Commissioner				
Ryan Schweback, Commissioner				
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Peter Nieto, Mayor				
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Chris Gillespie, Mayor	V			
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Steven Tomita, Designee				
Lawrence Rael, Mayor				
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Mandy Wolfe, Designee				
Morris Sparkman				



Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Orlando Montoya, Designee	V			

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Updates

H1B Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant – September 2026

Facilitator: Sonora Rodriguez, Program Manager

Discussion:

- Update was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

Pathway Home 3 – Re-Entry Citizen CHANCES Grant Update

Facilitator: Tawnya Rowland, Sr. Program Manager

Discussion:

- Update was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at: 11:14 am

Next Meeting – Joint WCCNM CEO and Executive Standing Committee

Date	Time	Location
Monday, November 16, 2026	10:00 am	Mid-Region Council of Governments, 809 Copper Ave. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Summary: The table provides the date, time, and location details for the next scheduled meeting.

Anyone requiring special accommodations please notify the MRCOG office at

247-1750 seven (7) days prior to the meeting

**Equal Opportunity Statement
“Equal Opportunity Program”**