

Region IV, Chief Elected Officials

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Friday, June 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. (MDT)

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

- a) Chief Poncé called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- a) Chief Poncé led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call and Abstentions

- a) Chief Poncé requested a roll call. There were no abstentions. Chief Poncé approved virtual participation for members attending remotely.

Voting Members Present:

Commissioner Buster Floyd Green*
Commissioner Jim Paxon*
Commissioner Chris Poncé
Commissioner Ray Trejo*

Voting Members Absent:

Commissioner Joe Gonzales
Commissioner Art Malott
Commissioner Manny Sanchez

Staff:

Jay Armijo, SCCOG Executive Director*
Skylar Arnold, Fiscal Administrator
Fayth Grijalva, Administrative Specialist
Glory Juarez, WIOA Administrator
Angela Longovia, Communications Manager
Diana Luchini, Fiscal Clerk
Krisye Shook, WIOA Program Monitor*
Jaymi Simms, WIOA Program Manager*

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Chapter Vice-President Nigel Sacatero
Mayor Ravi Bhasker
Mayor Jacob Biggler
Mayor Eric Enriquez
Mayor Rolf Hechler
Mayor Gabriel I. Holguin
Mayor Hilda Kellar
Mayor Arnold Lopez
Mayor Phil Mortensen
Mayor Martin Neave
Mayor John L. Ojinaga
Mayor Javier Perea
Mayor Phillip Skinner
Mayor Deb Stubblefield
Mayor Simon Wheaton-Smith
Mayor of Hurley

Non-Voting Members Present:

Mayor Russell Hernandez*
Mayor Michelle "Micki" Shillito*
Mayor Michael Thompson*

Guests:

Kacie Ernst*
Rosina Espinosa*
Leroy Garcia*
Crystal Hollon*
Carolyn Kirlin*
Peter Martinez
Marissa Molano*
Chanin O'Rourke*
Juanisha Padilla*
Giselle Palomares
Sarah Raney
Ashley Roller*
Chris Ruiz
Kim Skinner*
Josh Stoller

*Virtual attendance

IV. Welcome

- a) Chief Poncé welcomed everyone.

V. Public Comment

- a) No public comment

VI. Approval of Agenda

- a) Commissioner Poncé **motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by** Commissioner Paxon. **The motion passed.** The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Green – Yes

Commissioner Poncé – Yes

Commissioner Paxon – Yes

Commissioner Trejo – Yes

VII. Consent Agenda Items

- a) Approval of the March 26, 2026, Joint meeting minutes
b) Resolution 25 – 22 appoints members to the Southwestern Area Workforce Development Board.
c) Resolution 25 – 23 approves the PY26 Open Meetings Act Resolution.

Commissioner Trejo **motioned to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by** Commissioner Poncé. **Motion passed.** The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Green – Yes

Commissioner Poncé – Yes

Commissioner Paxon – Yes

Commissioner Trejo – Yes

VIII. Action Items

- a) Resolution 25 – 24 concurs with the SAWDB Executive Committee's approval of the award of WIOA Youth Services under RFP #2025-001 to NMSU Board of Regents/Dofia Ana Community College.

Ms. Juarez said the Executive Committee approved the recommendation from the RFP review committee and selected NMSU Board of Regents/Dofia Ana Community College as the provider, effective July 1, 2026.

Commissioner Ponce **motioned to approve Resolution 25 – 24, seconded by**
Commissioner Trejo. **Motion passed.** The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Green – Yes	Commissioner Ponce – Yes
Commissioner Paxton – Yes	Commissioner Trejo – Yes

- b) Resolution 25 – 25 authorizes the Administrative Entity to proceed with execution of PY26 proposed contracts, contingent upon formal approval by the Southwestern Area Workforce Development Board at its next scheduled meeting, with final implementation subject to all applicable legal, procurement, and funding requirements.

Ms. Juarez presented the list of PY26 contracts and requested approval to proceed, pending Board approval. The contracts discussed included the DWS Grant Agreement, Administrative Entity, Fiscal Agent services, Youth services, Adult and Dislocated Worker services, and One-Stop Operator services. She also mentioned a possible Youth Services Transition Agreement with Equus Workforce Solutions, if needed, to support a smooth transition, which will be presented at a later date.

Commissioner Ponce **motioned to approve Resolution 25 – 25, seconded by**
Commissioner Trejo. **Motion passed.** The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Green – Yes	Commissioner Ponce – Yes
Commissioner Paxton – Yes	Commissioner Trejo – Yes

- c) Resolution 25 – 26 approves the CEO meeting calendar through June 30, 2027.

Commissioner Ponce **motioned to approve Resolution 25 – 26, seconded by**
Commissioner Green. **Motion passed.** The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Green – Yes	Commissioner Ponce – Yes
Commissioner Paxton – Yes	Commissioner Trejo – Yes

- d) Election of officers

Commissioner Ponce noted that he and several commissioners will be terming out by the end of 2026 and that the Vice-Chair position is currently vacant. Commissioner Ponce agreed to continue serving as Chair through 2026. Commissioner Paxton volunteered to serve as Vice-Chair through 2026. Elections will be revisited later in the year.

Commissioner Ponce **made a motion to remain Chair, with Commissioner Paxton serving as Vice-Chair through the end of 2026, seconded by Commissioner Green.**
Motion passed. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Green – Yes	Commissioner Ponce – Yes
Commissioner Paxton – Yes	Commissioner Trejo – Yes

IX. Reports and Information Items

- a) Administrative and Financial Reports

- i. WIOA Administrator

Ms. Juarez reported that PY21 and PY22 Monitoring findings are fully closed. DWS continues to review and close out findings from PY24 and PY23, with the remaining items in progress. She also shared upcoming monitoring activities. Regarding the WIOA Youth RFP process, eight proposals were reviewed, and a recommendation was approved by the SAWDB Executive Committee. Ongoing efforts to close out PY25 financials and prepare for PY26 are underway. PY26 contract negotiations have begun.

ii. Technical Assistance & Training

Ms. Simms presented the number of hours and sessions provided to Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs in PY25 and the training provided to staff.

iii. Financials

Ms. Arnold presented the balance sheet, statement of revenues, expenditures, changes in fund balances, and expenditures by fund and county through April 30, 2026.

b) Service Provider Reports

i. Youth Services: Alamo Navajo School Board

Ms. Padilla reported for PY25 Q3. Program highlights included Enrollment Goals, Work Experience/Placements, Budget Expenditure Report, and Training Opportunities.

ii. Youth Services: Equus Workforce Solutions

Ms. Molano presented information about the In-School Youth and Out-of-School Youth program from July 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026. Her report included enrollments, supportive services, program exiters, and a success story.

iii. Adult/Dislocated Worker Services: Equus Workforce Solutions

Ms. Molano presented information about the Adult and Dislocated Worker program from July 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026. Her report included enrollments, performance, service, and fund distributions by industry sectors, and more.

c) Update from DWS

No updates.

X. Other

a) Member Input

- i. Chief Poncé thanked staff and expressed his appreciation for their efforts.

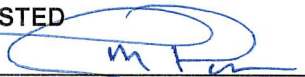
XI. Next Meeting

- a) Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

XII. Adjournment

- a) Chief Poncé adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

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Date

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