

1 **Region IV, Chief Elected Officials**

2 **America's Job Center**  
3 226 S. Alameda Blvd.  
4 Las Cruces, NM 88005

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

8 **DRAFT OF MEETING MINUTES**

9 **I. Call to Order**

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

11 **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

13 **III. Roll Call and Abstentions**

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

16 **Voting Members Present:**

17 Commissioner Buster Floyd Green\*  
18 Commissioner Paxon\*  
19 Commissioner Chris Poncé  
20 Commissioner Ray Trejo\*

**Voting Members Absent:**

Commissioner Joe Gonzales  
Commissioner Malott  
Commissioner Manny Sanchez

21 **Staff:**

22 Jay Armijo, SCCOG Executive Director\*  
23 Skylar Arnold, Fiscal Administrator  
24 Fayth Grijalva, Administrative Specialist  
25 Glory Juarez, WIOA Administrator  
26 Angela Longovia, Communications Manager  
27 Diana Luchini, Fiscal Clerk  
28 Krisye Shook, WIOA Program Monitor\*  
29 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

30 **Non-Voting Members Present:**

31 Mayor Russell Hernandez\*  
32 Mayor Michelle "Micki" Shillito\*  
33 Mayor Michael Thompson\*

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**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/Doña Ana Community College.

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

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

87 Commissioner Green – Yes Commissioner Poncé – Yes  
88 Commissioner Paxon – Yes Commissioner Trejo – Yes

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

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

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

101 Commissioner Green – Yes Commissioner Poncé – Yes  
102 Commissioner Paxon – Yes Commissioner Trejo – Yes

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

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

106 Commissioner Green – Yes Commissioner Poncé – Yes  
107 Commissioner Paxon – Yes Commissioner Trejo – Yes

108 d) Election of officers

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

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

116 Commissioner Green – Yes Commissioner Poncé – Yes  
117 Commissioner Paxon – Yes Commissioner Trejo – Yes

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## 119 IX. Reports and Information Items

120 a) Administrative and Financial Reports

121 i. WIOA Administrator

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

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- 130 ii. Technical Assistance & Training
- 131 Ms. Simms presented the number of hours and sessions provided to Adult, Dislocated
- 132 Worker, and Youth programs in PY25 and the training provided to staff.
- 133 iii. Financials
- 134 Ms. Arnold presented the balance sheet, statement of revenues, expenditures,
- 135 changes in fund balances, and expenditures by fund and county through April 30,
- 136 2026.
- 137 b) Service Provider Reports
- 138 i. Youth Services: Alamo Navajo School Board
- 139 Ms. Padilla reported for PY25 Q3. Program highlights included Enrollment Goals, Work
- 140 Experience/Placements, Budget Expenditure Report, and Training Opportunities.
- 141 ii. Youth Services: Equus Workforce Solutions
- 142 Ms. Molano presented information about the In-School Youth and Out-of-School Youth
- 143 program from July 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026. Her report included enrollments,
- 144 supportive services, program exiters, and a success story.
- 145 iii. Adult/Dislocated Worker Services: Equus Workforce Solutions
- 146 Ms. Molano presented information about the Adult and Dislocated Worker program
- 147 from July 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026. Her report included enrollments,
- 148 performance, service, and fund distributions by industry sectors, and more.
- 149 c) Update from DWS
- 150 No updates.

151 **X. Other**

- 152 a) Member Input
- 153 i. Chief Poncé thanked staff and expressed his appreciation for their efforts.

154 **XI. Next Meeting**

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

156 **XII. Adjournment**

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

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**Date**

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