

Region 9 Education Cooperative
Coordinating Council Meeting
2.19.2025

Meeting Minutes

Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

Members present: Mr. Lee (Via Zoom), Mr. Patterson (Via Zoom), Mr. Lindsay (Via Zoom), Mary Ross (in person) Absent: Mr. Clough, Ms. Gillespie, and Ms. Ferguson.

Chair Lee requested a motion to approve the Order and Content of Agenda. Ms. Ross made the motion, a second was provided by Mr. Patterson. A roll call vote ensued; Ms. Ross-yes, Mr. Patterson-yes, Mr. Lindsay-yes and Mr. Lee-yes. With all attending in favor; the motion passed.

Chair Lee requested a motion to approve the January 15, 2025, January 23, 2025, and February 13, 2025 minutes. Mr. Lindsay made the motion, a second was provided by Mr. Patterson. A roll call vote ensued; Mr. Lindsay-yes, Mr. Patterson-yes, Ms. Ross-yes, and Mr. Lee-yes. With all attending in favor; the motion passed.

Chair Lee requested a motion to approve the previous month's vouchers for January 2025. Before approving the vouchers Ms. Ross asked for clarification on the vouchers presented. Mr. Lindsay then made a motion, a second was provided by Mr. Patterson. A roll call vote ensued: Mr. Lindsay-yes, Mr. Patterson-yes, Ms. Ross abstained, Mr. Lee-yes. With a majority of the members voting in favor; the motion passed.

Chair Lee requested a motion to approve the Budget Adjustment Requests (BARS). Mr. Lindsay made the motion, a second was provided by Mr. Patterson. A roll call vote ensued: Mr. Lindsay-yes, Mr. Patterson-yes, Ms. Ross abstained, Mr. Lee-yes. With a majority of the members voting in favor; the motion passed.

Chair Lee asked Mr Patterson for an update on Capturing Kids Hearts for Coaches. Mr. Patterson noted that it is currently challenging to coordinate contract coaches for the program at this time. Other superintendents agreed it is challenging. Chair Lee then asked for a motion to postpone Capturing Kids Hearts for a later date possibly August or September, Mr. Lindsay made the motion, a second was

provided by Mr. Patterson. A roll call vote ensued; Mr. Lindsay-yes, Mr. Patterson-yes, Ms. Ross-yes, Mr. Lee-yes. With all attending in favor; the motion passed.

Chair Lee asked for a motion to approve the R9 Head Start Enrolment Reduction Application. Mr. Dooley said the request was discussed before but this is the formal application. This application will close the Capitan classroom and open ten seats in Ruidoso. There would be a total of 64 children enrolled in the program. The community assessment that was done supports the numbers of decreased enrollment. Mr. Patterson made the motion for the reduction request, a second was provided by Mr. Lindsay. A roll call vote ensued; Mr. Patterson-yes, Mr. Lindsay-yes, Ms. Ross-yes, Mr. Lee-yes. With all attending in favor; the motion passed.

Amy Gonzales and Szaine Hinkle were unable to give their presentation on educational services. However, they will provide the presentation at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Patterson excused himself from the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Bryan Dooley provided an overview of the status report. In his report, he mentioned that Arissa Klumker, R9 Budget Analyst, had a good idea and Region 9 would be happy to host Terry Dean or someone from ASBO to conduct a workshop for R9 superintendents and business managers focusing on revenue. Mr. Dooley also asked if there was any interest among the superintendents who met with Representative Harlan Vincent on February 13th in having Region 9 host a workshop for the superintendents to discuss their educational priorities and draft language for a bill, which Representative Vincent could then present at the upcoming legislative session.

There is a Home Visiting program currently posted a position for a Spanish-speaking home visitor. They currently serve 16 Spanish-speaking families. The All-District Staff meeting for 2025-2026 will take place on July 30th at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Presenter Kevin Honeycutt has confirmed his availability for the event. Surveys have been distributed to the districts to gather information for Region 9 to plan the remaining sessions, estimate costs, and determine the number of staff attending. The recent textbook adoption held at ENMU was a great success. Seventy-nine schools participated in the the textbook adoption event. Additionally, the academic competition hosted by Capitan Schools was concluded, with Ruidoso Varsity and JV Capitan as the winners.

Ancillary projections will go out sometime after the 120th day. Amy and Szaine will be working with Special Education Directors to look at caseloads and reevaluations for 2025-26. The Office of Special


Education's Special Education Academy is scheduled for April 28th-30th. Stacy Wren from Technology Support wanted to remind districts that the Parental Consent for student Google accounts is due in March. The Maze of Life event will take place on March 6-7 at ENMU-Ruidoso. All schools in Lincoln County will take part in this event for 8th graders, organized by Mandy Mader. The Human Resource Department has shared the list of new hires for Region 9.

Chair Lee noted that Ms. Gillespie was present by phone at 9:29 a.m.

Items for the next meeting

1. Discussion among Coordinating Council for membership fees for next school year 2025-2026.

Chair Lee requested a motion to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Mr. Lindsay made the motion, a second was provided by Ms. Gillespie. A roll call vote ensued; Mr. Lindsay-yes, Ms. Ross-yes, Ms. Gillespie-yes, Mr. Lee-yes. With all members voting in favor; the meeting was adjourned.


Vance Lee (Apr 22, 2025 09:46 MDT)
Vance Lee, Chair

3-19-2025
Date