

Minutes Region 9 Coordinating Council

Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid

5151 San Francisco Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109

Date & Time July 15, 2026 9:00 AM

Chair Gillespie called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Members present: Mr. Patterson, Ms. Gutierrez, Ms. Gillespie. Members attending virtually were Ms. Dumlao and Ms. Hawk. Absent: Ms. Encinias, and Ms. Montoya.

Chair Gillespie requested a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Patterson made the motion, and a second was provided by Ms. Gutierrez. A roll call vote ensued; Mr. Patterson-yes, Ms. Gutierrez-yes, Ms. Dumlao-yes, Ms. Hawk not available for the vote, Chair Gillespie-yes. With a majority of members voting in favor, the motion passed.

Chair Gillespie requested a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the June 17, 2026 meeting minutes, the previous month's vouchers for June 2026, and Budget Adjustment Requests. Mr. Patterson made the motion, and a second was provided by Ms. Gutierrez. A roll call vote ensued; Mr. Patterson-yes, Gutierrez-yes, Ms. Hawk-yes, Ms. Dumlao-yes, and Chair Gillespie-yes. With all members attending voting in favor, the motion passed.

Mr. Dooley then talked about the contract with CES to work with Region 9 on a strategic plan and suggested a work session at the beginning of the August Council meeting to discuss the work and establish some timelines. Mr. Dooley noted that Region 9's Coordinating Council is mostly new superintendents and that it would be good to allow time to get the new school year started and learn more about Region 9 so the strategic planning would be more meaningful.

Mr. Dooley pointed out the Director's status report and gave a brief update on the construction progress on the Region Early Head Start building which is also summarized in the linked report.

Ms. Encinias joined the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Mr. Dooley presented the status report during which he provided a link to the stipend report detailing all the IGA stipends issued throughout the year. He announced that the Professional Development Day for staff will be held on July 30th at the Convention Center. He highlighted

Region 9's Human Resources report, mentioning new hires, resignations, and non-renewals for the beginning of the fiscal year. Additionally, he noted that Internal Supports is currently participating in both the NMCEL and the NOVA conference in Albuquerque. Several IGAs are starting to come in, which is earlier than usual; we typically do not see them until August, September, or October. This advance submission helps us support staff funding throughout the year.

Chair Gillespie then asked for items for the next meeting. Mr. Patterson mentioned the work session to be held at 9:00 a.m. on August 19th.

Chair Gillespie requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 a.m. Ms. Gutierrez made the motion, and a second was provided by Mr. Patterson. The meeting was adjourned.

Jocelyne Driscoll-Gillespie

Jocelyne Gillespie, Chair

August 19, 2026

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