Region 9 Education Cooperative

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Minutes from 5/13/26 Coordinating Council Meeting

At 9:05 am Chair Gillespie called the meeting to order with a quorum present of: In person: Chair Gillespie and Ms. Ferguson. Virtual through Zoom: Ms. Encinias and Ms. Montoya. Absent from the meeting were Mr. Patterson, Mr. Serrano, and Mr. Lee. Chair Gillespie led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Gillespie then called on Mr. Chavez of Cooperative Education Services (CES) to discuss the process and timelines associated with the work Region 9 will be doing through his organization to develop a strategic plan. Mr. Chavez provided a verbal outline of the process, including the need to work with 3 primary audiences. First, the seven Coordinating Council members, second, the District staff of the schools that receive services from Region 9, and third, the staff of Region 9. Once the work is complete, he will synthesize the information and provide it back to the Council and Region 9 so Region 9 staff can begin creating the action plans to address the items that have been identified. This process will occur over a 2 to 3 month process. The Council discussed several options and settled on building a schedule that would accommodate working with all three groups on August 19th. Then, following the schedule to tentatively plan for an October finalization of the strategic plan and approval by the Coordinating Council.

At 9:26am Mr. Lee joined the meeting through Zoom, and at 9:32am Mr. Patterson joined the meeting.

At 9:32am Chair Gillespie asked for a motion to enter closed session pursuant to section NMSA 1978, 10-15-1 (H)(2), stating that nothing other than the listed limited personnel item would be discussed and that no decisions would be made during closed session. Ms. Ferguson made the motion with a second by Ms. Montoya, a roll call vote ensued: Ms. Ferguson-yes, Ms. Montoya-yes, Mr. Patterson-yes, Ms. Encinias-yes, Mr. Lee-yes. The council then convened in closed session.

At 10:36am Chair Gillespie called for a motion to return to open session, stating that nothing other than the listed limited personnel item was discussed and that no decisions were made during closed session. Ms. Ferguson made the motion with a second by Ms. Encinias, a roll call vote ensued: Ms. Ferguson-yes, Ms. Encinias-yes, Mr. Patterson-yes, Mr. Lee-yes. Ms. Montoya was absent from the vote. The council returned to open session.

Chair Gillespie asked for a discussion and or a motion to approve the Region 9 FY27 Increment schedule. Mr. Lee provided a motion, with a second by Ms. Ferguson. A roll call vote ensued: Mr. Lee-yes, Ms. Ferguson-yes, Mr. Patterson-yes, Ms. Gillespie-yes. Ms. Encinias was absent from the vote.

Chair Gillespie then asked for the presentation of the updated Region 9 FY27 Budget. Ms. Ferguson asked if there had been any changes since the last presentation. Ms. Lindsey indicated the only changes were FTEs associated with some employees who were not returning, and otherwise, nothing else had changed. Chair Gillespie then asked for a motion to approve the FY27 Region 9 budget. Ms. Ferguson provided the motion with a second by Ms. Encinias. A roll call vote ensued: Ms. Ferguson-yes, Ms. Encinias-yes, Mr. Patterson-yes, Mr. Lee-yes, Ms. Gillespie-yes.

At 10:36am Chair Gillespie asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was provided by Ms. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Patterson, and the meeting was adjourned.

Jocelyn Driscoll-Gillespie

Jocelyn Gillespie, Chair

5-20-2026

Date