Region 9 Education Cooperative

2002 Sudderth Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88345

Date & Time May 20, 2026 9:00 AM

Minutes of the regular Coordinating Council Meeting

Chair Gillespie called the 5/20/26 regular meeting of the Region 9 Coordinating Council to order at 9:00 am with a quorum present. In person, Chair Gillespie and Mr. Lee, present online were Ms. Encinias and Dr. Serrano; absent were Mr. Patterson, Ms. Ferguson, and Ms. Montoya. Chair Gillespie then led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Gillespie asked for a motion to approve the order and content of the agenda. Mr. Lee provided a motion, with a second by Ms. Encinias. A roll call vote ensued with Mr. Lee-yes, Ms. Encinias-yes, Dr. Serrano-yes, Chair Gillespie-yes. With all 4 members voting in favor, the motion passed.

Chair Gillespie then asked Mr. Dooley to describe the consent agenda and the concept behind it. Mr. Dooley explained that the purpose behind a consent agenda is to have regular business items that don't typically require much discussion grouped together in order to be approved at one time, and that if an item was placed there, any board member could request to have it removed and listed individually. Mr. Lee indicated that on today's agenda, there are items that would not typically be part of a consent agenda, and that, per the description, only regular monthly business items would be listed as consent items. Ms. Gillespie indicated that perhaps today they could stay and an overview of the items could be reviewed before a motion and a vote was taken. Mr. Dooley proceeded to provide an overview of the Region 9 FY 27 Work Calendar, all items under Head Start/PreK & EHS items, and the Region 9 FY 27 ICIP plan. Mr. Lee asked about an appropriate time to discuss adjusting the May Coordinating Council meeting date for next year due to end-of-school-year conflicts. Mr. Dooley will bring back all open meeting act items for approval in June and will move the meeting to the 4th Wednesday of May. Mr. Dooley had Ms. Goeller provide an overview of the Head Start items. She described that the policies and procedures had been updated in alignment with a requirement from their training and technical assistance provider. The 2026-2027 selection criteria were emphasized and noted as a specific approval item located on page 14. Ms. Goeller then provided an overview of the self-assessment report, noting that it is a compilation and reflection of the work and accomplishments from the activities across the current year. Mr. Dooley then went on to explain the ICIP list of projects for Region 9. He also explained that the last item to have the Chair and Co-Chair be identified as signatories would alleviate the need to bring this item back for approval each time a signature was needed and would also transition with leadership changes. Chair Gillespie then called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Lee provided the motion to approve, and Ms. Encinias provided a second. A roll call vote ensued: Mr. Lee-yes, Ms. Encinias-yes. Mr. Serrano-yes, Chair Gillespie-yes. The Consent Agenda items were approved.

Chair Gillespie then asked Mr. Dooley to review the discussion items. The Walsh Bullying item was determined to be initially resolved because the texts have been purchased and received by Region 9 Districts.

Region 9 will work on having Walsh come do a workshop in the August time frame. Mr. Dooley then noted that he would be bringing the open meeting act items for approval in June and would take into account Mr. Lee's request for an adjustment to the May meeting. Mr. Dooley then went on to highlight several items from the Director's Status report, as attached to the agenda.

Ms. Gillespie then asked for items for the next meeting in June. The May meeting adjustment, Open Meeting Act items, and the Region 9 Policy Manual were all mentioned.

Jocelyne L Lubcke-Gillespie 6-17-2026

Coordinating Council Chair, Jocelyn Gillespie