

## Region 9 Education Cooperative

### Minutes

#### Regularly Scheduled Region 9 Coordinating Council 11/19/2025

Chair Lee called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 9:01. He then led everyone with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Mr. Lee, Ms. Encinias joined via Zoom, Mr. Patterson, Ms. Ferguson, Ms. Gillespie, Mr. Serrano. Absent: Mr. Lindsay

#### **Approval Items**

Chair Lee requested a motion to approve the Order and Content of the amended agenda after informing the group that item 3-6 will need to be tabled until the December meeting. Mr. Patterson made the motion, and Ms. Gillespie provided a second. A roll call vote ensued: Mr. Patterson-yes, Ms. Gillespie-yes, Ms. Ferguson-yes, Ms. Gillespie, Dr. Serrano-yes, Ms. Encinas-yes, Mr. Lee-yes. With all members voting in favor, the motion passed.

Chair Lee requested a motion to approve the Previous Minutes of October 2025. Mr. Patterson made the motion, and Ms. Ferguson provided a second. A roll call vote ensued: Mr. Patterson-yes, Ms. Ferguson-yes, Ms. Gillespie-yes, Dr. Serrano-yes, Ms. Encinas-yes, Mr. Lee-yes. With all members voting in favor, the motion passed.

Chair Lee requested a motion to approve the Vouchers for October 2025. Mr. Patterson made the motion, and Ms. Ferguson provided a second. A roll call vote ensued: Mr. Patterson-yes, Ms. Ferguson-yes, Ms. Gillespie-yes, Dr. Serrano-yes, Ms. Encinas-yes, Mr. Lee-yes. With all members voting in favor, the motion passed.

Chair Lee requested a motion to approve the Budget Adjustment Requests. (BARS) .Mr. Patterson made the motion, and Ms. Ferguson provided a second. A roll call vote ensued: Mr. Patterson-yes, Ms. Ferguson-yes, Ms. Gillespie-yes, Dr. Serrano-yes, Ms. Encinas-yes, Mr. Lee-yes. With all members voting in favor, the motion passed.

Chair Lee requested a motion to approve the donation of a 2011 Toyota Tundra Crew Cab. The value of the truck is \$29,000. Dr. Serrano made the motion, and Ms. Gillespie provided a second. A roll call vote ensued: Dr. Serrano-yes, Ms. Gillespie-yes, Ms. Ferguson-yes, Mr. Patterson-yes, Ms. Encinas-yes, Mr. Lee-yes. With all members voting in favor, the motion passed.

Chair Lee requested a motion to approve the EV Charger Grant Application. Mr. Dooley clarified that the grant application is currently pending approval. If it is approved, revenue generated from the charge stations would assist with Region 9 operating expenses and also be used to help continue to decrease membership fees. The grant includes a 5-year maintenance plan for the equipment. Furthermore, PNM will provide a rebate of \$50,0000 once the chargers are installed. Ms. Gillespie made the motion, and Dr. Serrano provided a second. A roll call vote ensued: Ms. Gillespie-yes, Dr. Serrano-yes, Mr. Patterson-yes, Ms. Ferguson-yes, Ms. Encinas-yes, Mr. Lee-yes. With all members voting in favor, the motion passed.


## **Discussion Items**

Thadd Phipps provided an update on the Region 9 Early Childhood Buildings. He reported that Insight Construction is currently handling the demolition at Seasons Nursery, with the demolition costs totaling \$353,023. Mr. Phipps shared pictures illustrating the expected outcome of the project. The projected timeline for the demotion work is from November 3 to December 19. Following the demolition, construction is estimated to take nine months, with a projected completion date in October 2026. Additionally, they are also collaborating with J & G Electric to install the fire alarm system at the Head Start building, previously known as City Bank, totaling \$144,991.21. Region 9 will also be working with J & G Electric to pull wiring for the camera system Region 9 will be installing there. Chair Lee requested a date to finalize next year's Region 9 all-school staff professional development day. Ms. Lindsey presented that the Ruidoso Convention Center was available for two potential dates: July 30th or July 31st. Following a review of the districts' availability, the majority confirmed their ability to attend on Friday. It was determined that the professional development day will be held on July 30th of, 2026.

## **Director Status Report**

- Mr. Dooley informed the board that Graduation Alliance would like to do a presentation at a Coordinating Council meeting; however, Mr. Dooley suggested that Dr. Todd Kerusking should contact the schools directly to gauge their interest. Superintendents were in favor of not having a presentation.
  - Mr. Dooley then highlighted a few items from the presented report.
  - Michelle Burge, who is involved with Home Visiting, has established contact with Ms. Encinias at Corona Schools to discuss the possibility of setting up a playgroup for early childhood.
  - The November Region 9 Newsletter with a recommendation for viewing it electronically to see the videos that are embedded.
  - The School-Based Health Center's office is open for physical health services on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-4 pm. As well as from Monday to Friday for additional services. Staff have begun hosting a monthly gathering of mental health professionals from Region 9 and the schools called Empathy Squad. They meet on the first Friday of each month and use the time to collaborate and share resources.
  - In conclusion, Mr. Dooley shared the new hires for Region 9.
- Chair Lee asked for items for the next meeting. Items for the December meeting will include an update from Thad Phipps from CES working with Infrastructure As A Service (IAAS) on the construction of the Early Childhood Center. Also, to bring back the HB 128 approval item that was tabled today.

Chair Lee requested a motion to adjourn at 9:43 a.m. Mr. Patterson made the motion, and a second was provided by Ms. Ferguson. A roll call vote ensued: Mr. Patterson-yes, Ms. Ferguson-yes, Ms. Gillespie-yes, Dr. Serrano-yes, Ms Encinias-yes, Mr. Lee-yes. Meeting adjourned.



Date: 12-17-2025