



Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 26, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

101 River St, Red River, NM 87558

Or Virtual Option via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81759062128>

Meeting ID: 817 5906 2128, Dial In: 1 253 215 8782

A. Call Meeting to Order

President Ernesto Salazar called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Brandy Dietz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

Executive Director Monica Abeita took roll call. A quorum was established with 18 members initially present.

	Name	Present	Absent	Notes
1	Lori Chatterley	X		Virtual
2	Brandy Dietz	X		
3	Jim Hall	X		
4	Melanee Hand	X		Arrived at 1:38 pm
5	Shanna Sasser	X		
6	Ryn Herrmann	X		
7	Thomas Garcia	X		Virtual
8	George Trujillo		X	
9	Eldie Cruz	X		
10	Joseph Sanchez		X	Excused
11	Felicia Archuleta-Toya	X		Virtual
12	Christine Bustos	X		Virtual
13	Dora Dominguez	X		
14	Alex Naranjo		X	Excused
15	Courtenay Eichhorst		X	Excused
16	Ernesto Salazar	X		
17	Max Trujillo		X	Excused
18	David Romero		X	Excused
19	Joy Ansley		X	Excused
20	Justin Greene		X	Excused
21	Stephanie Martinez	X		Virtual

	Name	Present	Absent	Notes
22	Juan Torres	X		
23	Michael Garcia	X		Joined at 1:49 pm
24	AnJanette Brush	X		
25	Linda Calhoun	X		
26	Marietta Fambro	X		
27	Dan Barrone	X		
28	Daniel Tafoya	X		
29	Si Trujillo		X	Excused

D. Approval of Agenda

President Ernesto Salazar requested the following changes to Item 1: Contract Awards of the Consent Agenda:

- Move Item b: State Price Agreement: Office Building Renovations: SDV Construction, Inc. to H. Action Items number 7(a).
- Move Item c (i): RFP 2025-12: Housing Rehabilitation & Construction: D-Way Construction to H. Action Item number 7 (b).
- Remove Item c (ii): RFP 2025-12: Housing Rehabilitation & Construction: Premium Electric from the Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion	Torres
Second	Cruz
Yes	18
No	0
Abstain	0

E. Approval of Minutes

April 24, 2025 Regular Meeting

Executive Director Monica Abeita noted that Member Marietta Fambro had called to provide changes to the agenda. Ms. Fambro was driving during this item and could not provide her changes.

Motion to approve the April 24, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion	Dietz
Second	Calhoun
Yes	18
No	0
Abstain	0

- F. Public Participation:** An individual who would like to address the Board will be able to do so at this time. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes. If further time is needed, concerns should be addressed to the Executive Director. **Personnel matters will not be discussed in a public meeting.**

1. Staff

2. Community

- No members of the public signed in for public participation.
- Member Melanee Hand joined the meeting at 1:38 p.m.
- Member Linda Calhoun provided a schedule of activities for the evening after the meeting, and for the tour of Red River projects the next day.
- Deputy Director Alex Ingham thanked Village of Red River staff Rebecca, Max, Benny, Joel, and Georgiana, as well as Mayor Calhoun, for hosting this meeting.
- President Ernesto Salazar presented Mayor Calhoun with a gift of appreciation, thanking her for being a dedicated member always for hosting the board in Red River.
- Executive Director Monica Abeita welcomed Kaycee Sandoval from Village of Eagle Nest, who joined the meeting virtually. She noted that other officials and staff from the region may be joining the meeting and/or the tour.

Action Items Marked with an Asterisk (*)

G. Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item	Executive Committee Approval Date
1. Contract Awards	June 3, 2025
a. RFP 2025-11: Housing Rehabilitation and Construction: AGM Konstruktion, LLC	
2. Resolutions	
a. Resolution 2025-05: 2027-2031 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)	June 3, 2025
b. Resolution 2025-07: Changing NCNMEDD's Credit Card Provider to Ramp and Requesting a Credit Limit of \$50,000 Per Month	June 3, 2025
c. Resolution 2025-08: Alternate Member for NewMARC Board of Directors	June 26, 2025
d. Resolution 2025-09: Alternate Member for REDI Net Board of Directors	June 26, 2025

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Motion	Cruz
Second	Torres
Yes	19
No	0
Abstain	0

H. Action Items

1. Amendments to NCNMEDD Policy and Procedure Manual: Board of Directors and Advisory Council Travel Expenses

Executive Director Monica Abeita explained the proposed changes:

- Increase the per meeting stipend for board members from \$75 per meeting to \$100 per meeting.
- Allow Non-Metro AAA Advisory Council members to receive \$75 per day for quarterly meetings. Except for reimbursement of mileage and actual meal expenses, Advisory Council members are currently not paid to attend the meetings.
- Standardize language throughout the policy.
- Allow use of the official roll call rather than vouchers to pay the stipend and mileage reimbursements. Vouchers that members need to physically sign have become difficult to manage due to virtual meeting attendance.

Motion to approve the Amendments to NCNMEDD Policy and Procedure Manual: Board of Directors and Advisory Council Travel Expenses

Motion	Cruz
Second	Hall
Yes	18
No	1-Garcia
Abstain	0

2. NCNMEDD FY 2025 BAR #7

Finance Director Bernadette Segobia-Abeyta explained that the BAR consisted of three funds, and that all proposed budget changes affected only expenditures to ensure available funds were expended by the end of FY 25. She proceeded to present the proposed changes as follows:

- 501 AAA: Decrease Personnel by \$145,000, Benefits by \$69,000, Professional Services by \$25,000, Travel by \$10,000, and Advisory Council by \$3,000. These decreases were distributed as follows: \$225,000 for Program Assistance, \$2,000 for Dues and Subscriptions, and \$25,000 for Property, Plant, & Equipment for AAA office updates. Provider assistance will be distributed among the AAA providers which Assistant Director Nancy Arias-Macias had identified as in need of additional funds.
- 507 Case Management: Decrease Personnel by \$10,000 and Benefits by \$4,000 and increase Operations by \$8,000 and Property, Plant, & Equipment by \$6,000.
- 508 VDP: Decrease Personnel by \$33,000 and Benefits by \$14,800 and increase Operations by \$46,300 and Dues & Subscriptions by \$1,500.

Motion to approve FY 2025 BAR #7

Motion	Tafoya
Second	Torres
Yes	19
No	0
Abstain	0

3. Resolution 2025-06: Request to Increase the NCNMEDD Credit Card Limit to \$70,000

Executive Director Monica Abeita explained that there are two agenda items involving credit cards on the agenda; one is on the consent agenda, and the other is an Action Item because it received one no vote in Executive Committee. Ms. Abeita explained that NCNMEDD is transitioning to a new credit card provider. However, in the meantime, we are having issues with our current provider because the payments do not cycle, meaning that we are hitting or exceeding the limit in some months. As a result, the provider, Enterprise Bank, recommended we increase our limit to \$70,000. Ms. Abeita stated that we may not even need to use this limit, but this is the limit that Enterprise Bank recommended based on our usage. President Ernesto Salazar explained the cycling issue in more detail, stating that we are making full account payments monthly, but the provider does not post these payments immediately but rather on the first of the month.

Member Dan Barrone clarified that the \$70,000 was not a single purchase but rather many purchases. Ms. Abeita confirmed that.

Member Michael Garcia joined the meeting virtually at 1:49 p.m.

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-06: Request to Increase the NCNMEDD Credit Card Limit to \$70,000

Motion	Barrone
Second	Herrmann
Yes	19
No	1-Garcia
Abstain	0

4. Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging FY 2026 Contract Items

Executive Director Monica Abeita explained that items a-c build up to the budget presentation, as they are the three primary funding sources for Non-Metro AAA. She stated that the staff has been negotiating and renegotiating item a, the primary contract, for the last several years. To move things forward, the Executive Committee voted to approve the contracts this morning and provide a letter to the Aging and Long-Term Services Department noting our concerns, rather than holding up the process any further and creating negative repercussions for seniors.

a. Non-Metro AAA Title III Contracts (PSA 2, PSA 3, PSA 4)

Non-Metro AAA Director Neil Segotta provided the amounts for each contract, for a total of \$27,405,118.57.

- Planning & Service Area 2: \$12,009,002.47
- Planning & Service Area 3: \$7,467,527.28
- Planning & Service Area 4: \$7,928,588.82

Ms. Abeita noted that the items provided by ALTSD are not ideal. ALTSD provided a track changes document and a clean copy, but the clean copy is for the City of Albuquerque. The terms of the contract are the same, but the amounts will be different. Management will need to verify each contract before signing in DocuSign.

Member Brandy Dietz asked exactly what the board is being asked to approve, as she does not feel comfortable voting on the document this way. Executive Director Monica Abeita stated that there will be three contracts, one for each PSA in the amounts which Mr. Segotta provided earlier. The three contracts will have the same language as the City of Albuquerque version but substitute NCNMEDD for the City of Albuquerque.

President Salazar stated that the board can still reject the contracts. The Executive Committee expressed some of the same concerns this morning, but decided to move ahead. Member Juan Torres asked what the repercussions would be if the board voted no. Mr. Segotta stated that contracts to providers would not go out by July 1, and therefore there would be no funding for services to seniors at the beginning of the year.

President Salazar provided history on one year when the Executive Committee rejected the contract and went into a 90-day negotiation period with ALTSD. The situation was such that the Governor's office assigned staff to mediate the situation. There was considerable delay with contracts and reimbursements that year. Ms. Abeita stated that she and President Salazar met recently with ALTSD to discuss their concerns with the contract, including that documents are not sent late and are not correct.

Member Melanee Hand suggested that the board vote to accept the Executive Committee's recommendation. Member Marietta Fambro suggested that the motion be contingent on administrative review. Members Dietz, Hand and Fambro suggested sending the final documents to the board once signed. Ms. Abeita emphasized that she, Mr. Segotta, Ms. Segobia-Abeyta and Assistant Director Nancy Arias-Macias each review the contracts before Ms. Abeita signs them, to make sure amounts are correct and that no language was changed.

Member Melanee Hand made a motion to proceed with the contract approval that incorporates the Executive Committee's recommendations, provided the contract is distributed to the Board of Directors at a later date. Member Dan Barrone seconded the motion that we move this forward at this time, so we have money for our seniors.

There was discussion about the fact that the Executive Committee voted that morning to instruct the Executive Director to send a letter to ALTSD and the Governor's office outlining our concerns with the contract. Some members asked that legislators in the north central region be included on the letter, and Vice President Thomas Garcia suggested copying the leadership rather than legislators. Ms. Abeita stated her preference was not to involve legislators or leadership, as it could cause issues and because she and Mr. Segotta do not have the bandwidth to explain this situation to numerous legislators. She suggested meeting with a few key legislators informally if needed.

Motion to accept the Executive Committee’s recommendation approving the Non-Metro AAA Title III Contracts (PSA 2, PSA 3, PSA 4), and that the contracts be contingent upon administrative review and distribution to the board of directors.

Motion	Hand
Second	Barrone
Yes	19
No	1-Garcia
Abstain	0

b. Senior Employment Program (SEP) Contract

Non-Metro AAA Director Neil Segotta stated that the Senior Employment Program contract is the same and the same amount of \$875,500.00 as it has been in the past few years. This contract allows seniors to work in the senior centers while receiving training to move back into the workforce if they want to. Mr. Segotta stated that Non-Metro AAA would need about \$1.2 million if all positions were filled; however, not all positions remain filled throughout the year, and we do not want to revert funds. Therefore, the contract amount is acceptable.

Motion to approve the SEP contract as presented.

Motion	Brush
Second	Torres
Yes	20
No	0
Abstain	0

c. Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) Contracts (PSA 2, PSA 3, PSA 4)

Non-Metro AAA Director Neil Segotta provided the amounts for each contract, for a total of \$862,545.01:

- Planning & Service Area 2: \$417,318.88
- Planning & Service Area 3: \$177,653.73
- Planning & Service Area 4: \$267,512.40

Mr. Segotta explained that these are six-month contracts because the federal budget has not been approved yet. ALTSD is relying on new contracts coming out in December, and new six-month contracts would be issued to providers at that time. The second six-month contract amounts could be less than the amounts of the first six-month contracts. Mr. Segotta’s concern and everyone’s concern is that if the funding does not come through for the entire year, the situation will be very difficult as the senior centers rely on this funding for raw food.

Motion to approve the NSIP contracts as presented.

Motion	Hall
Second	Hand
Yes	19
No	1-Garcia
Abstain	0

d. Provider Allocations

Non-Metro AAA Director Neil Segotta displayed the amounts going to each provider for their contracts this year. This year will be a struggle because federal dollars will be decreased in PSA 2 and 4, with a small increase in PSA 3, per the federal funding formula based on population and need (rural and frontier areas). Non-Metro AAA tried to balance out this situation by directing additional state dollars to PSA 2. However, most providers received some kind of reduction. Providers with the largest reductions were reduced because they have had a surplus at the end of the year for one or more past years.

Executive Director Monica Abeita noted that the Provider Allocations were approved as amendment by the Executive Committee. The amendment was to place an asterisk next to Hidalgo Medical Services, as one to three new providers will be taking over this program. It is expected that the same amount of funding will be allocated among the new providers.

Motion to approve the Provider Allocations as amended by the Executive Committee.

Motion	Calhoun
Second	Hall
Yes	19
No	1-Garcia
Abstain	0

5. FY 2026 Member Dues

Executive Director Monica Abeita reminded the board that member due increases were proposed and discussed at the January board meeting. The proposal to increase dues moves NCNMEDD away from a population-based model to a gross receipts tax (GRT) model, which shifts the burden from the counties to the municipalities. Ms. Abeita noted that the increase is consistent or below dues for the NM Municipal League (NMML), and thanked Mayor Linda Calhoun for her assistance with NMML dues.

Ms. Abeita referred to Option 1, which was discussed in January. At that time, the board asked Ms. Abeita to consult with the smaller communities who are not represented on the board of directors. To date, Ms. Abeita has consulted with most of those communities and, as a result, created a new Option 2 for consideration. Option 2 creates a lower tier of \$500 for communities whose annual GRT is less than \$500,000 per year. Option 2 also does not raise the dues for Sandoval County and the City of Edgewood, as both participate in two councils of governments (COGs). Sandoval County currently pays dues to both NCNMEDD and the Mid-Region COG, while Edgewood mainly uses services from the Mid-Region COG even though it is in the NCNMEDD region. This would reduce the total dues from \$102,800 in Option 1 to \$92,800 in Option 2.

Board members asked questions:

- Member Dan Barrone asked how this would work because local governments already passed their FY 2026 budgets. Ms. Abeita noted that the local governments represented on the board of directors have known about the proposal to increase dues since January; however, some issues could arise if the new amounts were not budgeted. Ms. Abeita did not expect issues with the smaller communities because the increases are smaller and should be manageable.
- Member Brandy Dietz asked if the smaller municipalities can make payments. Ms. Abeita explained that the dues invoice is sent with the full amount; however, if the community needs to pay in installments, that would be ok. NCNMEDD keeps sending out invoices until the amount is paid.

- Member Mariette Fambro asked how this would be reevaluated in the future, so we do not let dues remain flat for another 10 years. Ms. Abeita stated that this would be revisited in January, after NCNMEDD knows if there are any issues with implementation. At that time, the board should set a method to reevaluate and increase dues annually, such as a rolling GRT average, or the Consumer Price Index. Ms. Abeita and Ms. Fambro noted that using GRT could be problematic for small communities if they have large projects going on at the same time; therefore, a three or five year rolling average should be considered. Ms. Abeita noted that the GRT used in Option 1 and 2 is from 2024, not the current year.
- Member Juan Torres confirmed this would go into effect in fiscal year 2026, with the next invoice, and that the Executive Committee approved Option 2. Ms. Abeita stated yes.
- Member Melanee Hand asked about the relevance of NMML dues. Ms. Abeita stated NMML provides a different set of services but was nonetheless used as benchmark for what communities are currently paying for dues, as well as a model for a GRT-based approach.
- Vice President Garcia asked Ms. Abeita to clarify the new total amount of dues collected in relation to the FY 2026 budget. Ms. Abeita stated that the new amount with Option 2 is \$92,800; however, the FY 2026 budget shows the amount from Option 1 of \$102,800. This is because Ms. Abeita just met with the small communities in the past two weeks, and the budget had already been prepared with the amount from Option 1.

Motion to approve Option 2 for the member dues.

Motion	Torres
Second	Dietz
Yes	19
No	0
Abstain	1-Tafoya

6. FY 2026 NCNMEDD Budget

President Ernesto Salazar stated that the Executive Director will present all three budget items, and then the board can vote on them individually. Executive Director Monica Abeita thanked Finance Director Bernadette Segobia-Abeyta for her hard work on the budget; it has been challenging due to the uncertainty with federal funds. Ms. Abeita stated that there is a small reduction in the overall budget amount this year, most of which is reflected in Personnel and Benefits.

a. Organizational Chart

Ms. Abeita presented the Organizational Chart for FY 2026, which includes 53.5 full time positions, down from 61 full time positions in FY 2025. She summarized staffing changes as follows:

- There is stable staffing in Administration. NCNMEDD is upgrading one position in Finance to an Assistant Director for succession planning purposes, which in turn removes one Accounting Specialist position.
- Due to the end of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, Non-Metro AAA will not fill vacancies for one Nutritionist and the Integrator position, and eliminated the Direct Services Manager position, which had been paid from ARPA funds. This means that the AAA Director and Assistant Director will have to supervise additional staff. Non-Metro AAA is adding one temporary Housing Coordinator position to assist in deployment of the additional \$2 million received from the Legislature for mobile home replacement.
- Community Development appears to have a significant decrease in Personnel, but most changes involve temporary programs like WIN, where staff positions have been converted to professional services, and Disaster Recovery, where we have only been

able to keep one of the three positions filled. Other changes include moving the GIS Planner position to professional services and upgrading the part-time Transportation Intern position to a full-time Transportation Planner position.

b. Operating Budget

Finance Director Bernadette Segobia-Abeyta presented the budget for FY 2026, which totals \$16,270,717.59. Major expenditure categories include Professional Services-40%, Personnel-19%, Carryover-14%, Benefits-9%, Property Plant and Equipment 9%. Other categories of Travel, Advisory Council, Operations, Software, Dues & Subscriptions, Unallocated, and Indirect Costs represent less than 5% of the budget each.

Ms. Segobia-Abeyta presented the breakdown among Administrative (\$1,113,452.84), Non-Metro AAA (\$7,842,742.32), and Community Development (\$7,314,522.43) departments, as well as overall and departmental expenditure comparisons with FY 2025.

Executive Director Monica Abeita called the board's attention the spreadsheet format of the budget, which is the official budget proposed for approval. She noted that approvals and/or extensions for three major grants only came in recently, including the WIN program, Disaster Recovery, and the EDA Planning grant.

Member Melanee Hand asked why there are Unallocated Funds. Ms. Abeita focused on Fund 257: GRO Admin, as an example. Ms. Segobia Abeyta explained that NCNMEDD was issued this money up front to administer Government Results & Opportunity (GRO) funding. It remains unclear from the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) whether we can keep this funding similar to a fee for service activity or whether it must be spent down in FY 2026. Ms. Abeita explained that COGs managing GRO funds is new and provided history about how this occurred during the FY 2025 Legislative session. There is also Unallocated funding in Fund 501, which is reserved for the transition of the Non-Metro AAA Director, and in MFA Mobile Home (406), which is a new fund. Because we have not received the contract yet for the mobile home program, we do not have the parameters yet, some funding has been reserved as Unallocated. Ms. Segobia-Abeyta clarified that any funding categorized as Carryover will move into the FY 2027 budget as many funds are multi-year grants.

Member Marietta Fambro asked about Indirect Costs, Reserves, and deadlines for the budget. Ms. Segobia-Abeyta explained that NCNMEDD can take an indirect cost rate of 10% for certain federal grants; therefore, those funds show an Indirect Cost line item. Ms. Abeita and Ms. Segobia Abeyta explained that Reserves refers to unrestricted revenue that NCNMEDD has generated through member dues and fee-for-service activities. The amount in reserves is a little over \$900,000. The Executive Committee has requested a budget committee meeting in July to discuss Reserves. There was a discussion about NCNMEDD's status as a special district and its state enabling Legislation, the Regional Planning Act, which results in different budget deadlines and requirements than local public bodies.

Member Marietta Fambro asked about removing the Accounting Specialist position in favor of the Assistant Finance Director. Ms. Abeita explained that both were originally budgeted, but due to flat funding from Non-Metro AAA this year, staff had to choose one and plan to fill the other position in the future.

Member Marietta Fambro asked about the negative Carryover amounts in the budget presentation. Ms. Abeita stated that this is for presentation only; it subtracts funding estimated for FY 2027 to more accurately show how much money will not be spent in FY 2026.

Member Dan Barrone asked if the budget has any contingency for funding cuts. Ms. Abeita stated that most of the uncertainty is over now. During the budget process, the Budget Committee asked that each fund be color-coded to reflect the risk of loss. The color coding has been removed as grants have been extended or approved. There still is some risk, but most of the funding appears to be ok.

c. Cost Allocation Plan

Executive Director Monica Abeita presented the Cost Allocation Plan required by DFA, intended to ensure that staff and expenses are billed to the appropriate funds. Ms. Abeita also called attention to the list of funds in the Cost Allocation Plan. She noted an edit to the Cost Allocation Plan and Organizational Chart, which was approved by the Executive Committee that morning, it references a "Transportation Coordinator." That should be changed to "Transportation Planner."

Deputy Director noted that Member Stephanie Martinez left the meeting about 20 minutes ago.

Upon conclusion of the presentation, the board voted on the three budget items:

Motion to approve the Organizational Chart, as amended.

Motion	Fambro
Second	Hand
Yes	19
No	0
Abstain	0

Motion to approve the Operating Budget, as presented.

Motion	Fambro
Second	Brush
Yes	19
No	0
Abstain	0

Motion to approve the Cost Allocation Plan, as amended.

Motion	Fambro
Second	Torres
Yes	19
No	0
Abstain	0

7. Contract Awards

a. State Price Agreement: Office Building Renovations: SDV Construction, Inc.

Executive Director Monica Abeita explained that this is the proposed contract for renovations to the Santa Fe office building. NCNMEDD twice issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQs) but did not receive qualified responses. This contractor was interested in the RFQ but ultimately did not respond. They did several inspections and cost estimates of the building and have done similar work in historic Santa Fe buildings. The contractor is on the State Price agreement and EDA has allowed us to use the State Price agreement given that the RFQs were unsuccessful.

Ms. Abeita explained that the contractor's cost estimate is \$490,000, but NCNMEDD does not have that amount of funding now and therefore needs to break the project out into phases. Originally staff requested a contract amount of \$330,000, which is the amount available in EDA and capital outlay funding, but the Executive Committee gave permission to negotiate up to \$360,000. This is because there is a contingency of \$30,000 for asbestos abatement, which may not be needed. Deputy Director Alex Ingham noted that recent renovations in the basement, where the asbestos may exist, was done recently, and therefore, the contractor is hopeful that we will not find asbestos there.

Member Melanee Hand asked about where employees will work during abatement or other construction work. Ms. Abeita stated that the abatement would occur in the basement, and that would only affect one staff member, who would be moved to another location or asked to work from home temporarily.

Motion to approve the contract award for SDV Construction, Inc. as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Motion	Barrone
Second	Torres
Yes	18
No	1-Garcia
Abstain	0

b. RFP 2025-12: Housing Rehabilitation & Construction: D-Way Construction

Executive Director Monica Abeita explained that this is a response to the RFP that NCNMEDD continues to issue multiple times to identify more contractors for the Senior Home Repair program, and now the Restoring our Communities (ROC) program, which is ongoing in Raton.

Finance Director Bernadette Segobia Abeyta stated that this item received one no-vote at Executive Committee due to relatively low score. Ms. Segobia Abeyta stated that the scoring is low due it being a relatively new firm; however, the owner had excellent references and experience under his previous employers. The contractor is also in Raton and will take apprentices for the WIN program, which will help with the ROC program. President Ernesto Salazar noted that this RFP is not for a specific project, it is so we can call on one or more contractors for different jobs as they come up.

Member Marietta Fambro asked about the contractor not being registered in SAM. Ms. Segobia Abeyta stated that SAM registration is required for the federal funding source (HUD) which is used in this program. NCNMEDD staff shows the contractors how to register in SAM so that the requirement can be met.

Motion to approve the contract award for D-Way Construction.

Motion	Fambro
Second	Tafoya
Yes	18
No	1-Garcia
Abstain	0

Member Linda Calhoun left the meeting after the vote.

Vice President Garcia noted that this contractor is from Belen, not Raton. Ms. Segobia Abeyta agreed and noted that the contractor expressed interest in working in Raton on the ROC homes.

I. President's Report

President Ernesto Salazar thanked the members for their commitment and recognized Neil Segotta for his service, hoping Mr. Segotta will be around for the next board meeting. He also thanked the staff for their hard work and for organizing this first off-site meeting.

J. Directors' Reports

- Community Development Director talked about progress on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and thanked the members for their participation at meetings and on the steering committee. She talked about various projects, grant writing and technical assistance activities in communities throughout the region.
- Finance Director Bernadette Segobia Abeyta provided an update on the new credit card rollout, preliminary set up of AAA contracts, serving as a beta-tester for DFA's new system, and preparing for the FY 2025 audit.
- Non-Metro AAA Director Neil Segotta provided an update on the transition of providers in Grant and Hidalgo counties. Hidalgo Medical Services has given up its contract and the five senior centers it runs are expected to transition to the local governments. It is expected that there will be no disruption of services and that most staff will stay with the new providers. Mr. Segotta announced the State Aging Conference in September, which will be held in Glorieta. The Governor would like to have 2,000 seniors there; however, providers and seniors are upset about the lack of funding and lack of support from the Legislature. He followed up on questions regarding the closure of the Benny Lopez site in Santa Fe County. Seniors from that center are being served by other centers during the construction, which was always expected to take a year.
- Deputy Director Alex Ingham reported on the upcoming Advisory Council and Provider Meeting in Ruidoso in mid-July, and transition of the marketing contract from Garrity to another entity.
- Executive Director Monica Abeita talked about a potential opportunity for funding for housing projects in House Bill 2. She solicited and presented to the Secretary of Workforce Solutions shovel-ready projects that could apply for the funds. Member Melanee Hand suggested the North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) workforce housing project, and Ms. Abeita agreed, and stated that a more detailed budget would be needed, which could be obtained through an RFP or ITB. There were questions and discussion about this potential housing, with Ms. Abeita stating that the details have not been released but that she is trying to get the region ready for the opportunity. Ms. Abeita announced and encouraged the board members to attend the WIN Convening in Santa Fe on July 10, 2025, noting that there would be a session for public employers.

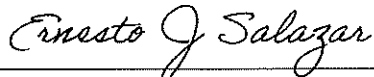
K. Next Meeting—August 28, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

L. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Motion	Torres
Second	Hand
Yes	18
No	0
Abstain	0

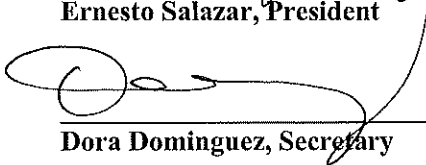
Approvals



Ernesto Salazar, President

August 28, 2025

Date



Dora Dominguez, Secretary

August 28, 2025

Date