



## Executive Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, February 26, 2026, 10:30 am or Immediately Following NM Cares Board Meeting**

644 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, NM, 87505

Or Virtual Option via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82995230719>

Meeting ID: 829 9523 0719, Dial In: 1-719-359-4580

### A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Ernesto Salazar called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

### B. ROLL CALL

| Member             | Present | Absent | Notes   |
|--------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Linda Calhoun      | X       |        | Virtual |
| Dora Dominguez     | X       |        | Virtual |
| Thomas Garcia      | X       |        | Virtual |
| Jim Hall           | X       |        | Virtual |
| Stephanie Martinez | X       |        | Virtual |
| Lori Chatterley    | X       |        | Virtual |
| Ernesto Salazar    | X       |        | Virtual |
| Joseph Sanchez     |         | X      |         |

### C. APPROVE AGENDA

*Motion to approve the agenda removing G a. I, a 2, and Item I*

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| Motion  | Garcia |
| Second  | Hall   |
| Yes     | 7      |
| No      | 0      |
| Abstain | 0      |

### D. APPROVE MINUTES

a. January 29, 2026, Regular Meeting

*Motion to move to table will review next meeting.*

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| Motion  | Calhoun |
| Second  | Garcia  |
| Yes     | 7       |
| No      | 0       |
| Abstain | 0       |

- E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Any 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.**
- a. Staff
  - b. Community
    - i. If attending virtually, provide your full name in the chat and indicate that you wish to speak for public participation immediately upon joining the meeting.
    - ii. If attending in person, raise your hand to indicate you wish to speak for public participation and provide your full name.

Executive Director-No public participation.

**F. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. Board may elect to go into executive session for reasons listed in the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 (H). The authority for the executive session and the subject to be discussed must be stated with reasonable specificity in the motion calling for the vote to go into executive session.
  - i. Limited Personnel Matters Section 10-15-1(H)(2)-Executive Director Transition

***Motion to go Executive session***

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| Motion  | Hall   |
| Second  | Garcia |
| Yes     | 7      |
| No      | 0      |
| Abstain | 0      |

***Roll Call***

| Member             | Yes | No | Notes |
|--------------------|-----|----|-------|
| Linda Calhoun      | X   |    |       |
| Dora Dominguez     | X   |    |       |
| Thomas Garcia      | X   |    |       |
| Jim Hall           | X   |    |       |
| Stephanie Martinez | X   |    |       |
| Lori Chatterley    | X   |    |       |
| Ernesto Salazar    | X   |    |       |
| Joseph Sanchez     |     |    |       |

***Motion to come out Executive session no action was taken at 11:55 a.m.***

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| Motion  | Garcia |
| Second  | Hall   |
| Yes     | 7      |
| No      | 0      |
| Abstain | 0      |

President Salazar-Executive Session on, item F a - Limited Personal Matters 10-15-1H, Executive Director Transition. This was all that was discussed, and no action was taken. Meeting was turned over to Vice President Garcia. Recommendation from the Executive Director to table item G b. I will make that recommendation and motion since Vice President Garcia has the chair. President Salazar leaves at 12:00 p.m.

***Second Roll Call***

| Member             | Yes | No | Notes |
|--------------------|-----|----|-------|
| Linda Calhoun      | X   |    |       |
| Dora Dominguez     | X   |    |       |
| Thomas Garcia      | X   |    |       |
| Jim Hall           | X   |    |       |
| Stephanie Martinez | X   |    |       |
| Lori Chatterley    | X   |    |       |
| Ernesto Salazar    | X   |    |       |
| Joseph Sanchez     |     |    |       |

**G. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Out of State Travel Requests
  - i. US Aging, July 18-21, 2026, San Diego CA (Senior Housing Specialist, Denise Barela, VDP Coordinator Erin Carlisle, Case Management Coordinator Amanda Martinez, Case Management, Andrew Roybal, PSA3 Provider Specialist Ashley DiMascio, PSA3 Provider Specialist Monica Jimenez, Data Center, Consumer Coordinator Data Center Raquel Martinez, PSA2 Provider Specialist Dyami Brycela, Alternates, Director Danny Osborn, Data Center Manager Davida Salas)
  - ii. SWREDA Annual Conference, Austin TX (Executive Director Santiago Chavez and Community Planner Selma Guterrez)
- b. Resolution 2026-04 North Central New Mexico Economic Development District to Apply for NMFA Solar Access Fund Technical Assistance Grant

***Motion to table item G. b***

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| Motion  | Salazar  |
| Second  | Martinez |
| Yes     | 7        |
| No      | 0        |
| Abstain | 0        |

**H. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Legislative Update

Executive Director-The GRO fund process was quite a bit of a challenge for me. I didn't know a few legislators. The GRO funds were formerly called House Bill 2 Junior funds. There was also a line item for the administration of the GRO funds. We also get approximately a \$100,000 annual appropriation for state planning districts. We also received \$40,000, at Capital Outlay for IT systems. We also received another \$200,000 capital outlay, for our next phase of our building. Looks like there are \$650k for this behavior health Cambiar model

Vice President Garcia- Keep us updated on this Cambiar stuff.

- b. Finance Update

- c. AAA Update

Director Osborn- Attended CPO training, Carl Hauser from Otero County, resigned due to health issues, so we're going to be looking for a new replacement for Mr. Hauser. I was in Grady Tuesday night for an emergency village meeting, wherein they and Curry County came to an agreement that the county is

going to take that center over, and Grady will have absolutely no contact with its next fiscal year. We have a lot of programs that are over-expended or are projected to be overspent. 85% of our programs are looking to be overspent this fiscal year. The Presbyterian Medical Services ones for McKinley and Torrance County. They're saying they're going to have to either put people on wait lists and stop serving as many units as they are on a daily basis or they're going to have to shut doors starting the end of March the middle of April. In the past Presbyterian stepped up and took care of any overages, but they are telling their providers it will not happen this year. We are going to McKinley County Commission meetings, and Torrance County, and ask those councils for funding. The volunteer driver program will be asked to reduce the budget by \$70,000. We will need to do a BAR to reduce our funding for \$70,000. We were looking at \$1.2 million shortfall and then the NSIP funding was not coming to anyone in terms of the providers, not North Central. On case management we had a public hearing also Case management coordinator went to a training telling her she can start billing, volunteer driver program is growing, and senior home program has 7 units that are in process. There is an extension on MFA funding for the senior home repair and replace grant. We are using Crown Marketing for all the social presence. Vice President Garcia- Keep us posted we've been trying to get some publicity for this stuff, and not hearing anything, seeing anything, so make sure we invite legislators from their districts and so on for grand openings, or housewarming, or whatever, so we can get something on our plate.

## **I. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

## **J. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Fonseca- we had some funding successes, the Behavioral Health Region 4, which is Mora San Miguel in Guadalupe County and Eastern Plains Council of Governments is coming in with their staff member to support that effort, and we brought the grant writing, to that effort, and they did get a \$2 million award, for that region. We also got another \$2 million award, or the Nambe Pueblo Housing Authority through the, there's some new funding from Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources. We are working hard on the Miguel County Affordable Housing Plan. We had good visits in Las Vegas just this Monday we got some excellent feedback from the City of Las Vegas on our goals and recommendations. We are working with three entities right now on EDA funding. I wanted to report back to the board about the New Mexico Land Grant Council. This was requested in the last meeting, and so I looked them up, and they were created by the New Mexico State Legislature, by New Mexico State statute. Their purpose is to establish a land grant support program to provide advice and assistance to land grants, and to serve as a liaison between land grants and the federal, state, and local government. You may recall, we received public comment from the Land Grant Council and incorporated their feedback in the final SEDS. We are working on two land grants, Abiqui Grant and Tierra Amarilla. Transportation has been busy. Patrick and Aiden are presenting GIS training workshops throughout the region, and they've had 3 so far. In the report is Village of Questa, NCRD, Colfax County, and that was for the City of Raton and Colfax County staff, and some Eagle Nest. Also finished the ADA transition plan for the City of Raton. That was funded by our state planning and research funding. We hired a consultant to produce the plan, but then North Central staff did a lot of work to complete the professional planning documents. We are doing really quite a bit of fee-for-service and fiscal agency activities. All of our projects are moving forward well. I feel good about the progress we are making on our CDBG and EDA grant admin. Disaster recovery, we are working with mutual domestic water consumer associations in Mora and Rio Arriba County to help them access mitigation funding. generator projects are getting rolled out. They are actually being put in place in San Miguel County, and we are working on closing out the VISTA program.

Member Chatterley- I know in the past we would receive money to help with all the grant writing that we are doing. Is... do we still have that? Was that a multi-year award?

Director Fonseca- It was a multi-year award we have funding until June 30, 2026.

Executive Director- It is in House Bill 2. We still have money available for this year. Every time we use it, we get reimbursed.

Discussion from Vice President Garcia and Felicity regarding the comments submitted and attributed to the Land Grant Council, whether the comments were derived from board action or from an individual from the Land Grant Council. North Central used the comments that were submitted through the online survey

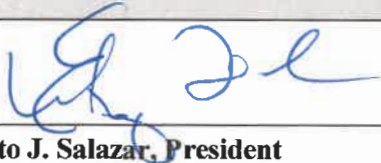
**K. NEXT MEETING** –March 26, 2026, 9:00 am

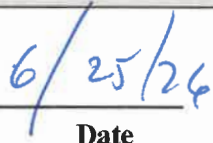
**L. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn at 12:35 p.m.*

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| Motion  | Hall       |
| Second  | Chatterley |
| Yes     | 6          |
| No      | 0          |
| Abstain | 0          |

**Approvals**

  
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**Ernesto J. Salazar, President**

  
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**Date**

  
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**Dora Dominguez, Secretary**

7.28.2026

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**Date**