



National Western Center
Authority Board Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:	May 21, 2020	Time:	9:00 a.m. – 11:46 a.m.
Minutes Prepared By:	Liz Adams	Location:	Virtual Meeting via ZOOM
1. Meeting Description			
National Western Center Authority Board Meeting			
2. Authority Board Member Attendance at Meeting			
Name	Present	Absent	Notes
John Ikard	X		
Lucia Guzman	X		
Steven McCarthy	X		
John Zapien	X		
Robb Brown	X		
Kelly Leid	X		
Liliana Flores Amaro*		X	
Brendan Hanlon*	X		
Tony Frank	X		
Amy Parsons	X		
Pat Grant	X		
Paul Andrews	X		
Monique Lovato		X	
*Non-Voting Members			
Other attendees including members of the public are as recorded in any sign-in sheet(s) collected for the meeting.			

Topic	Owner	Time
1.Call to Order	John Ikard	9:04 am
Quorum Present		
2. Board Business/Action Items		
Approval of Minutes	Andrews	9:06
A motion to approve the February 20 Board Minutes with corrections (there was no Board Meeting in March due to the Stay-	Guzman	



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<p>at-Home orders/COVID) was made by Director Andrews with a second by Director Guzman. Passed with no objections</p>		
<p>3. Chairman Update</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members made comments regarding Pat Grant’s service on the board and welcomed his replacement Doug Jones, current Board President, WSSA. • Pat Grant thanked the board and wished them well as they meet future challenges. • Following City Council confirmation, Ernest House Jr. and Gabriela Acevedo will join the board to replace Liliana Flores-Amaro and Monique Lovato 	<p>John Ikard</p>	<p>9:08 a.m.</p>
<p>4. CEO Update</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff working well remotely. Staff is responding to the COVID-19 crisis by responding to organizations in need. Staff continue to focus on the NWC Mission and Vision as we adjust during the pandemic. • Staff is drafting applications for potential funding opportunities • Planning an orientation process for new board members. • NWC Authority cut 15% of monthly expenses including salary cuts • Staff will begin analyzing the impact of the pause in the Triangle project. • Thanked Pat Grant for his service 	<p>Brad Buchanan</p>	<p>9:15 a.m.</p>
<p>5. Partner Reports</p>		
<p><u>City and County of Denver:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brendan Hanlon provided an update on the economic impact of the COVID stay at home order. • Shared charts on Economic Recovery, Projected Sales and Use Tax Collections. • Still uncertain about the full impact on our economy and how many of our businesses will not survive. • Hopeful that the Recovery Act will be sufficient to sustain those businesses. • Tykus Holloway, Exec. Director, NWCO, reported that most staff are working remotely though a small number of staff are at the office. Worker safety is their #1 priority. • Updated on the construction on Phase 1&2 	<p>Brendon Hanlon and Tykus Holloway</p>	<p>9:19 a.m.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Maintenance and Operations building is 95% complete with a move in date in June. • Stockyard Events Center continues construction. • 3 local artists were selected for the Public Art to resume in late June. 		
<p><u>CSU Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction remains on schedule; had a virtual groundbreaking for The Animal Health building and there will be two more in the fall. • Shared a slide on the remaining buildings and their new names (TERRA – Food and Agriculture, HYDRO – Water and VIDA – Human & Animal Health). • The virtual groundbreaking was shared via Social Media, Washington Times, San Francisco Chronical and had 800 views on YouTube. Hoping to have in person ground breakings for the other buildings. • Working to provide educational resources virtually and continue to work with the kids living in GES neighborhoods. • Wrapped up art and public places procurement for the campus. Virtually interviewed 3-4 artists for each of the 8 buildings for the art collections. Updates on the completion of the designs of the art exhibits of three of the buildings. • Director Frank added that staff is working overtime to stay on schedule for the Vida Building. • Shared an update on CSU’s budget which included a reduction in the general fund, use of reserves and revenue from the CARES Act, enrollment (online and global learning are open) and tuition freeze. • Commented how this pandemic impacts face-to-face instruction and is a shakeup for higher education. 	<p>Amy Parsons and Tony Frank</p>	<p>9:55 a.m.</p>
<p><u>WSSA:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Andrews echoed Director Frank’s comments on sustainability and loss of revenue. • Facilities have been shut down since the Stay at Home order went into effect forcing layoffs. 	<p>Paul Andrews</p>	<p>10:08 a.m.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Had a great meeting with all the river front partners before COVID focusing on how we can bring shared programming to the river front and hope to reconvene in the future to discuss design ideas.• Shared the Programs/Partnerships & Marketing Advancing Strategy During COVID-19 presentation.• Shared that the Authority is being responsive during this crisis by finding meaningful solutions and strategies. The focus shifted to one of four key strategic implementation initiatives -- strengthening the agricultural value chain in Colorado.• NWC is being relevant to the current crisis and acting now to address the issues in Colorado from food security in our communities to the collapse of the restaurant industry, to COVID outbreaks in the meat processing industry.• Shared information on how COVID has negatively impacted the AG industry in Colorado.• NWC is also managing the Colorado Farm and Food Systems Response Fund where first round of funds has been distributed. The second round will be opening soon. Shared map of where applicants are from in the state . <p><u>Food Vision Prize:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NWC is one of 79 semifinalists with the Rockefeller Foundation’s 2050 Food Vision Prize.• Reviewed the Systems Map that will paint a picture of what this food system will look like in Colorado in 2050 and currently identifies what needs to change in the current system to start to turn into virtuous circle on how do we secure a better food system.• NWC also conducted stakeholder engagement interviews across the state. Shared a participant’s story of a newer farmer that has a sustainable micro grain operation. NWC also received additional funds to continue to drive the vision planning moving forward.• NWC can potentially win \$200,000 prize to help kick off this work.		10:40 a.m.
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9. New Business		
None		10:42 a.m.
10. Public Comment Periods		
No public comment.		10:42 a.m.
11. Executive Session		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement of Executive Session The Board desired to go into Executive Session pursuant to §§ 24-6-402(4) and (4) (a) and (e), C.R.S. to discuss, various matters related to: the purchase, acquisition, transfer, and sale of real property interests (§24-6-402(4)(a), C.R.S.); and to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators (§ 24-4-406(4)(e), C.R.S.) related to the purpose of the meeting. The Board may also confer with the attorney for the Authority on specific legal questions related to these topics (§ 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S.). The Board will not adopt any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action during this Executive Session. • Motion to go into Executive Session: Motion by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tony Frank. ○ Seconded: Kelly Leid ○ Counsel Mark Williams read the statutory requirements for Executive Session, reminded all that the session was – pursuant to statute – being recorded and the recording kept in the books and records of the NWCA, and stated that no policy or other decision or vote would occur in the Executive Session. • No further discussion by the Board. • Vote was unanimous to go into Executive Session. 		10:43 a.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to go out of Executive Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion: Director Leid. ○ Seconded: Paul Andrews ○ Discussion. ○ Unanimous vote to go out of Executive Session. 		11:45 a.m.



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11. Action Items (ongoing)		
None		
12. Next Meeting:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 18, 2020 at 9:00 am via Zoom Webinar 		
Adjournment		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Chair Ikard adjourned the meeting. 		11:46 a.m.

12. Action Items (ongoing)					
Action	Owner			Due Date	
13. Adjournment					
Meeting Adjourned.		All		11:46 a.m.	
14. Next Meeting:					
Date	June 18, 2020	Time:	9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	Location:	Zoom Webinar
Description:	Regular Monthly Meeting of National Western Center Authority Board for May 2020				