

# National Western Center Authority Board Meeting Minutes

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	February 20, 2025	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 am -
<b>Minutes Prepared by:</b>	Alexi Palazzari	<b>Location:</b>	Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and In Person
<b>Meeting Description</b>			
National Western Center Authority Board Meeting			
<b>Authority Board Member Attendance at Meeting</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Notes</b>
John Ikard	X In Person		
Steven McCarthy	X In Person		
Robb Brown	X Zoom		
Diedra Garcia	X Zoom		
Kelly Leid	X In Person		
Sandra Ruiz	X Zoom		
Tony Frank	X In Person		
Bill Mosher		X	
Doug Jones	X In Person		
Paul Andrews	X In Person		
Ernest House	X Zoom		
Caroline Acha	X Zoom		
Nicole Doheny*	X In Person		
Other attendees including members of the public are as recorded registration for the meeting. Guests: Mark Williams			



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Topic	Owner	Time
<b>Call to Order</b>		
<b>Quorum</b> Meeting was called to order by John Ikard, Chair. Quorum present.	John Ikard	9:02 a.m.
<b>Board Business/Action Items</b>		
<b>Approval of Minutes for December 19, 2024</b>	John Ikard	9:03 a.m.
<b>Chairman Update</b>		
Chairmen John Ikard shared concerns with funding in DC uncertainties. NWC is doing a great job with community involvement. Stock Show had another successful year.	John Ikard	9:04 a.m.
<b>CEO Update</b>		
<b>Facilities Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equestrian Center/Hotel (in exec. Session)</li> <li>• District Sign Plan COMPLETE!</li> <li>• Cell tower</li> <li>• DAS system</li> <li>• Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)</li> <li>• BESS signage</li> <li>• CUP North parking structure</li> </ul> <b>Staffing &amp; Operations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procurements:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ticketing - finalizing agreements</li> <li>• Non-Alcoholic Pouring Rights – closed</li> <li>• Security – issuance in Q2</li> <li>• Parking – issuance in 2025</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Staffing:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marketing and Communications Coordinator – Gina Griego</li> <li>• Campus Arborist / Horticulturist Manager of Grounds – interviewing now</li> <li>• Campus Senior Facilities Engineer – interviewing now</li> <li>• Campus Director of Sales &amp; Ticketing – interviewing now</li> <li>• Campus Master Electrician – interviewing now</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Board meeting format:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilities, Events, Community on quarterly basis. This month’s focus is Community</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Brad Buchanan	9:05 a.m.



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Partner Reports		
<b>NWCO</b>		
Update provided as part of the board packet with no additional information shared during the board meeting.	Mike Bouchard	9:16 a.m.
<b>CSU:</b>		
Update provided as part of the board packet with no additional information shared during the board meeting.	Jocelyn Hittle	9:17 a.m.
<b>WSSA:</b>		
Update provided during the board meeting. Stock Show had all time records at the Coors Western Art Show, Boots & Business, Citizens of the West, Junior Stock Show, and more. Over 67k was raised through Round Up for the CIF.	Paul Andrews	9:18 a.m.
<b>COMMUNITY UPDATE:</b>		
Update provided during the board meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tabor Collectiva has an event on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm at Greenhouse off 47<sup>th</sup> and Clout</li> <li>- Sabor Communicatio will host a graduation on March 18<sup>th</sup> and is looking for sponsors.</li> <li>- Caroline is excited to see the Denver Museum of Nature and Science partnering with NWC at community events and Stock Show.</li> </ul>	Sandra Ruiz & Caroline Acha	9:24 a.m.
Committee Reports		
<b>Finance &amp; Audit</b>		
Updated provided in board packet.	Steven Biedermann	9:30 a.m.
<b>Campus Services &amp; Partnerships</b>		
No meeting this month, no report provided.	Jessica Koenig	9:33 a.m.
<b>Community Benefits</b>		
Updated provided in board packet.	Lori Laurita	9:34 a.m.
NWC Community Update		
Lori provided an overview of the NWC community look back at 2024 and look ahead to 2025.	Lori Laurita	9:35 a.m.
CIF Committee Report		
The CIF Committee provided a report from community grants in the GES community and an overview of future plans.	Shannon Hoffman	10:10 a.m.
Public Comment		
There was no public comment.	John Ikard	10:52 a.m.
Executive Session		
A Motion was made by Director Doug Jones and seconded by Director Dr. Tony Frank to enter Executive Session. Motion Approved.	John Ikard	10:55 a.m.



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A Motion was made by Director Doug Jones and seconded by Director Kelly Leid to exit Executive Session. Motion Approved.	John Ikard	11:13 a.m.
<b>Adjourn</b>		
There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.	John Ikard	11:14 a.m.

<b>Next Board of Directors Meeting</b>					
<b>Date:</b>	March 20, 2025	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Location:</b>	Hybrid via Zoom * NWCA offices

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Submitted by: Alexi Palazzari

Approved by: Board of Directors      Date:

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