

National Western Center Authority Board Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:	May 15, 2025	Time:	9:00 am – 11:12 am
Minutes Prepared by:	Alexi Palazzari	Location:	Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and In Person
Meeting Description			
National Western Center Authority Board Meeting			
Authority Board Member Attendance at Meeting			
Name	Present	Absent	Notes
John Ikard	In person		
Steven McCarthy	In person		
Robb Brown	Zoom		
Diedra Garcia	In person		
Kelly Leid	In person		
Sandra Ruiz	In person		
Tony Frank	Zoom		
Bill Mosher		X	
Doug Jones		X	
Paul Andrews	In person		
Ernest House	Zoom		
Caroline Acha	Zoom		
Nicole Doheny*	In person		
Other attendees including members of the public are as recorded registration for the meeting. Guests: Mark Williams, Jocelyn Hittle, Mike Bouchard			



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Topic	Owner	Time
Call to Order		
Quorum Meeting was called to order by John Ikard, Chair. Quorum present.	John Ikard	9:01 am
Board Business/Action Items		
A Motion was made by Director Kelly Leid and seconded by Director Paul Andrews to approve the Minutes for April 17, 2025. Motion approved.	John Ikard	9:02 am
Chairman Update		
Chairman John Ikard shared a note of thanks for all community members who spoke in support of the Project Support Agreement at City Council on May 12 th . Mr. Ikard emphasized the importance of hearing all sides. Chairman John Ikard also provided a report on the process and results of the Vibrant Denver Bond program.	John Ikard	9:03 am
CEO Update		
Facilities Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equestrian Center/Hotel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Council 5/19 Final reading • LVC Commissioning • Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) • BESS signage • CUP North parking structure (Paul has more during his update) • CSU O&M agreement in progress • WSSA Campus Energy agreement in progress Community Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We Don't Waste/Wee Cycle Event 1st Friday of every month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 737 households, 38 of those are in 80216 and 3351 individuals • Free Community Tickets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 503 tickets have been given out in 2025 • CAC meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Increased participation. Building more community engagement and consistent partner updates. • Peoples Market at The Center on Riverfront 	Brad Buchanan	9:28 am



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Free Campus Day 2nd Saturdays to align with CSU SPUR. 1st event June 14th • Denver Days 2025 August 3rd at the Riverfront <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Goal to serve over 4-5k youth and young adults with free backpacks, haircuts, firefighter pancake breakfast and much more. ➤ Attendance by Mayor Johnston and Nuggets players. • National Western Center has sponsored <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 8 events totaling \$8300 <p>Staffing & Operations Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pouring rights - approving today • Landscaping - approving today • Custom LVC Stool - approving today • Security/Parking - issuance in June • 9 community members signed up for on call community procurement representation • Staffing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Manager of Security & Parking - Brandon Garcia • Amanda Bias - Director of Sales - starting today! 		
Partner Reports		
NWCO Update provided as part of the board packet with no additional information shared during the board meeting.	Mike Bouchard	9:41 am
CSU: Update provided as part of the board packet with no additional information shared during the board meeting.	Jocelyn Hittle	9:42 am
WSSA: Update provided during the board meeting.	Paul Andrews	9:43 am
COMMUNITY UPDATE: Tortillas for Tepeyac is May 21 st at 10am. Contact Caroline if you would like a ticket to the event.	Sandra Ruiz & Caroline Acha	9:50 am
Committee Reports		
Finance & Audit No meeting this month.	Mitzi Kissel	9:51 am
Campus Services & Partnerships No meeting this month.	Jessica Koenig	9:52 am
Community Benefits No meeting this month.	Lori Laurita	9:53 am
Public Comment		



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No public comment.	John Ikard	9:54 am
Executive Session		
A Motion was made by Director Kelly Leid and seconded by Director Steve McCarthy to enter Executive Session. Motion Approved.	John Ikard	9:55 am
A Motion was made by Director Kelly Leid and seconded by Director Steve McCarthy to exit Executive Session. Motion Approved.	John Ikard	11:10 am
Actions		
A motion to approve the landscaping agreement and directing the CEO of the Authority to promptly finalize negotiation and execution of the contract with PMB Services was made by Director Paul Andrews and seconded by Director Diedra Garcia.	John Ikard	11:11 am
A motion to approve the pouring rights agreement and directing the CEO of the Authority to promptly finalize negotiation and execution of the contract with Pepsi was made by Director Paul Andrews and seconded by Director Diedra Garcia.	John Ikard	11:11 am
A motion to approve the HouseFish quote for 600 custom stools for the Livestock Center made by Director Paul Andrews and seconded by Director Diedra Garcia.	John Ikard	11:11 am
Adjourn		
There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.	John Ikard	11:12 am

Next Board of Directors Meeting					
Date:	June 19, 2025	Time:	9:00 a.m.	Location:	Hybrid via Zoom * NWCA offices

Submitted by: Alexi Palazzari

Approved by: Board of Directors Date:

