

# National Western Center Authority Board Meeting Minutes

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	June 19, 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	
Steven McCarthy	In person		
Robb Brown		X	
Diedra Garcia	In person		
Kelly Leid	In person		
Sandra Ruiz		X	
Tony Frank	In person		
Bill Mosher		X	
Doug Jones	In person		
Paul Andrews	In person		
Ernest House		X	
Caroline Acha	In person		
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
<b>Call to Order</b>		
<b>Quorum</b> Meeting was called to order by Steven McCarthy, Vice Chair. Quorum present.	Steven McCarthy	9:01 am
<b>Board Business/Action Items</b>		
A Motion was made by Director Paul Andrews and seconded by Director Tony Frank to approve the Minutes for May 15, 2025. Motion approved.	Steven McCarthy	9:02 am
<b>Chairman Update</b>		
There was no chairman update.	Steven McCarthy	9:03 am
<b>CEO Update</b>		
Facilities Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equestrian Center/Hotel – approved!</li> <li>• LVC Commissioning</li> <li>• Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)</li> <li>• BESS signage</li> <li>• CUP North parking structure CSU O&amp;M agreement in progress</li> <li>• WSSA Campus Energy agreement in progress</li> </ul> Community Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We Don't Waste/Wee Cycle Event 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month</li> <li>• Free Community Tickets: 943 tickets have been given out in 2025</li> <li>• CAC meetings.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Next one June 25<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm</li> <li>➤ Increased participation in community engagement and consistent partner updates.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Peoples Market at The Center on Riverfront</li> <li>• Denver Days 2025 August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Riverfront</li> <li>• National Western Center has sponsored</li> </ul> Economic Impact Study: The NWC campus projects—including the Equestrian Center, Livestock Center, Stockyards Event Center, and the Yards—are projected to contribute nearly <b>\$1.3 billion in GDP</b> and support more than <b>10,000 jobs across Colorado</b> . These investments are not only modernizing Denver's historic grounds, but also fueling Colorado's economy with nearly \$910 million in personal income generated during this period.           Staffing & Operations Update:	Brad Buchanan	9:04 am



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procurements:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campus security, event security, guest relations, and parking services RFP - issuance June 16th, Board approval in September</li> <li>• Janitorial RFP - issuance ASAP, board approval in September</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Welcome:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brandon Garcia, Campus Manager of Security &amp; Parking</li> <li>• Amanda Bias – Director of Sales and Ticketing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>Partner Reports</b>		
<b>NWCO</b> Update provided during the board meeting.	Mike Bouchard	9:19 am
<b>CSU:</b> Update provided as part of the board packet with no additional information shared during the board meeting.	Jocelyn Hittle	9:29 am
<b>WSSA:</b> Update provided as part of the board packet with no additional information shared during the board meeting.	Paul Andrews	9:31 am
<b>COMMUNITY UPDATE:</b> Tortillas for Tepeyac was a successful event. There will be a Fiesta Galla in October. Tepeyac is looking for focus groups starting in August for their Love My Air program.	Caroline Acha	9:32 am
<b>Committee Reports</b>		
<b>Finance &amp; Audit</b> Update provided as part of the board packet.	Mitzi Kissel	9:33 am
<b>Campus Services &amp; Partnerships</b> No meeting this month.	Jessica Koenig	9:35 am
<b>Community Benefits</b> Update provided as part of the board packet.	Lori Laurita	9:35 am
<b>NWC Events Update</b>		
Update provided during the board meeting.	Joe McCullough	9:35 am
<b>Public Comment</b>		
No public comment.	Steven McCarthy	9:58 am
<b>Executive Session</b>		
A Motion was made by Director Tony Frank and seconded by Director Doug Jones to enter Executive Session. Motion Approved.	Steven McCarthy	9:59 am



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A Motion was made by Director Tony Frank and seconded by Director Paul Andrews to exit Executive Session. Motion Approved.	Steven McCarthy	11:01 am
<b>Adjourn</b>		
There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.	Steven McCarthy	11:02 am

<b>Next Board of Directors Meeting</b>					
<b>Date:</b>	July 17, 2025	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Location:</b>	Hybrid via Zoom * NWCA offices

Submitted by: Alexi Palazzari

Approved by: Board of Directors      Date:

