

National Western Center Authority Board Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:	October 16, 2025	Time:	9:00 am – 10:51 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 (in person or virtual)	Absent	Notes
John Ikard	In person		
Steven McCarthy	In person		
Robb Brown	In person		
Diedra Garcia	In person		
Kelly Leid	In person		
Sandra Ruiz	In person		
Tony Frank	In person		
Bill Mosher		X	
Doug Jones	In person		
Wes Allison	In person		
Ernest House		X	
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, Sarah DiPietro			



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Topic	Owner	Time
Call to Order		
Quorum Meeting was called to order by John Ikard, Chair. Quorum present.	John Ikard	9:05 a.m.
Board Business/Action Items		
A Motion was made by Director Doug Jones and seconded by Director Kelly Leid to approve the Minutes for Sept 18, 2025. Motion approved.	John Ikard	9:06 a.m.
Chairman Update		
The Chair reported the excitement around the LVC and Legacy opening and continued development of the campus.	John Ikard	9:06 a.m.
CEO Update		
Facilities Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equestrian Center/Hotel next steps • LVC Commissioning • Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) • CUP North parking structure • CSU O&M agreement in progress • WSSA Campus Energy agreement in progress Community Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We Don't Waste <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 5k people served and over 3 million servings of food given out at NWC specific Markets ➤ Next market on November 7th 11-1pm ➤ Compost Colorado giving out FREE compost curated on campus. • Market at The Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Closed out the Market at the Center on high attendance and activations. ➤ Next Market in 2026! ➤ Community Meetings ➤ CAC-4th Wednesdays of the month ➤ EQC taskforce-2nd Wednesdays ➤ National Western Center upcoming events: ➤ Trunk or Treat on October 31st 4-6pm Invitation to participate or sponsorship opportunities coming soon! ➤ Stock Show Parade, Community Tickets and Reception & Rodeo 	Brad Buchanan	9:07 a.m.



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<p>Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing – hiring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Janitorial and Food and Beverage Manager - posted • Campus Building Engineer - posted • Campus Maintenance Tech - posted • Campus Events Manager - posted • Campus Facilities Electrician - posted • Procurements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snow removal RFP will be covered later in Executive Session with a motion in open session following. • Upcoming procurements: EMT/event medic services, fleet vehicle sponsor, and reverse ATM service sponsor. 		
Partner Reports		
<p>NWCO Update provided during the Board Meeting. Construction at a glance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Construction Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Livestock Center ○ Misc. Infrastructure • Design and Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 48th Ave. Bridge ○ Pedestrian Bridge <p>Pedestrian Bridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open for Bidders 10/15/25 • Prebid Conference 10/22/25 • Bids Due 11/25/25 <p>LVC Workforce Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livestock Center Project at a Glance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DCCP Data Range: 02.24.2023 – 10.08.2025 Total Workers – 2,465 ○ Worker in Target Zip Codes - 302 ○ Total Hours Worked – 969,694 ○ Average Wage - \$34.61 • Livestock Center Apprenticeship Utilization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DCCP Data Range: 02.24.2023 – 10.08.2025 ○ Total Apprentices – 251 Total Hours Worked – 158,736 ○ Average Wage - \$28.00 <p>The Triangle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Organizations Meeting - October 15, 2025 	Sarah DiPietro	9:15 a.m.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kick-Off Event – Date and Location TBD 		
CSU: Update provided as part of the board packet with no additional information shared during the board meeting. Jocelyn announced her transition and was presented with the NWC belt buckle.	Jocelyn Hittle	9:27 a.m.
WSSA: Update provided as part of the board packet with no additional information shared during the board meeting.	Wes Allison	9:29 a.m.
COMMUNITY UPDATE: The Tepeyac Gala is on 10/16 at the Seawell Ballroom.	Caroline Acha	9:30 a.m.
Committee Reports		
Finance & Audit Update provided as part of the board packet with additional information provided during the board meeting.	Mitzi Kissel	9:31 a.m.
Campus Services & Partnerships No meeting this month.	Jessica Koenig	9:32 a.m.
Community Benefits No meeting this month.	Lori Laurita	9:32 a.m.
Public Comment		
There was no public comment.	John Ikard	9:33 a.m.
Executive Session		
A Motion was made by Director Doug Jones and seconded by Director Tony Frank to enter Executive Session. Motion Approved.	John Ikard	9:35 a.m.
A Motion was made by Director Kelly Leid and seconded by Director Doug Jones to exit Executive Session. Motion Approved.	John Ikard	10:50 a.m.
Action Items		
A Motion was made by Director Tony Frank and seconded by Director Robb Brown to approve the NWCA 2026 Operating Budget and Capital Budget including District Energy Loan. Motion approved.	John Ikard	10:51 a.m.
A Motion was made by Director Doug Jones and seconded by Director Kelly Leid to approve the snow removal agreement and directing the CEO of the NWC Authority to finalize negotiation and execution of the Campus Security contract with PMB Services. Motion approved.	John Ikard	10:51 a.m.



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Adjourn		
There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.	John Ikard	10:51 a.m.

Next Board of Directors Meeting					
Date:	Nov 20, 2025	Time:	9:00 a.m.	Location:	Hybrid via Zoom * NWCA offices

Submitted by: Alexi Palazzari

Approved by: Board of Directors Date:

