

National Western Center Authority Board Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:	November 20, 2025	Time:	9:00 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	Zoom		
Bill Mosher	In Person		
Doug Jones	In Person		
Wes Allison	In Person		
Ernest House	Zoom		
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, Mike Bouchard, Jeremy Davis			



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Topic	Owner	Time
Call to Order		
Quorum Meeting was called to order by John Ikard, Chair. Quorum present.	John Ikard	9:02 a.m.
Board Business/Action Items		
A Motion was made by Director Kelly Leid and seconded by Director Steven McCarthy to approve the Minutes for Oct 16, 2025. Motion approved.	John Ikard	9:02 a.m.
Chairman Update		
Chair noted that the November board meeting would be an abbreviated meeting to discuss the CEO process in executive session.	John Ikard	9:02 a.m.
CEO Update		
<p>The CEO provided the following updates:</p> <p>Facilities Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equestrian Center/Hotel • LVC Commissioning • CUP North parking structure • CSU O&M agreement in progress • WSSA Campus Energy agreement in progress <p>Community Events & Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We Don't Waste <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 7k people served and over 184 families live in 80216. ➤ Next market on December 5th 11-1pm ➤ Increase in families served by 50% ➤ Compost Colorado giving out FREE compost and flowers curated on campus. • Community Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CAC& EQC Taskforce combined for the month of November and December <p>Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Over 1K in attendance at Trunk or Treat at Stockyard Event Center ➤ Financial support of 5k to GES community for Food Support ➤ Coming soon: Stock Show Parade, Community Tickets and CAC Reception & Rodeo <p>Staffing & Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing – Welcome! • 4 positions filled: 	Brad Buchanan	9:02 a.m.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversion and Rooms Set • Campus Janitorial and Food and Beverage Manager • Campus Events Manager • Campus Facilities Electrician • Upcoming: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Building Engineer • Senior Project Manager – EQC • Procurements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current procurements: EMT/event medic services, fleet vehicle sponsor, and reverse ATM service sponsor. 		
Partner Reports		
<p>NWCO Update provided as part of the board packet. NWCO shared the additional following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Livestock Center on December 5th from 1pm-2pm. • Passing of the Vibrant Denver Bond. • Update on the Triangle outreach process. 	Mike Bouchard	9:08 a.m.
<p>CSU: Update provided during the Board Meeting. General Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Launch of Spur Start, ▪ Arts at CSU Spur, ▪ Leadership changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jocelyn Hittle's Departure, ○ Rico Munn Returning. <p>What's next:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CSU Spur part of Stock Show Grounds, ▪ More and new exhibits, ▪ Expansion of Spur Start. <p>Educational Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Field Trip Season: Fall & Spring Full, ▪ 2nd Saturdays Remain Popular, ▪ What's next: ▪ NWSS daily activities and demos, ▪ Spring Break & Summer Camps – Opens Jan 2, ▪ Expanding 2nd Saturdays with NWC, ▪ Virtual 5th Day Programming. <p>Anchor Institution & Community Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Highlights: 	Jeremy Davis	9:10 a.m.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Meeting with EPA, ATSR, CDPHE, ▪ Movie nights with Valdez-Perry Library, ▪ Mexican Music Festival, ▪ Birdseed Collective Food Box Program, ▪ NWC Trunk or Treat. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What's next at Spur: ▪ Colorado Youth Mariachi Concert – Nov 22 ▪ Winter Festival 2nd Saturday – Dec 13 ▪ Bruce & Beyond Career Fair at CSU Spur – March 27 		
<p>WSSA: Update provided as part of the board packet with the following additional updates for Stock Show 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New rabbit show • 17% increase in ticket sales • Entries doubled for junior market steers • 50 days until Stock Show • More legacy staff will join the team Dec. 1st 	Wes Allison	9:15 a.m.
<p>COMMUNITY UPDATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus Points is collecting donations for toys • Tepeyac fundraising event was a success • Tours of Tepeyac and NWC are being coordinated between the two organizations • Globeville first is having a turkey box event from 10am-12pm on 11/22 • The Sabor Comunitario program is looking to secure funding for next years' program 	Caroline Acha & Sandra Ruiz	9:18 a.m.
Committee Reports		
<p>Finance & Audit Update provided as part of the board packet with additional information provided during the board meeting.</p>	Mitzi Kissel & Nicole Doheny	9:22 a.m.
<p>Campus Services & Partnerships No meeting this month.</p>	Jessica Koenig & Robb Brown	9:24 a.m.
<p>Community Benefits No meeting this month.</p>	Lori Laurita & Ernest House	9:24 a.m.
Public Comment		
There was no public comment.	John Ikard	9:24 a.m.
Executive Session		
A Motion was made by Director Doug Jones and seconded by Director Robb Brown to enter Executive Session. Motion Approved.	John Ikard	9:24 a.m.



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A Motion was made by Director Kelly Leid and seconded by Director Robb Brown to exit Executive Session. Motion Approved.	John Ikard	10:32 a.m.
Adjourn		
There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.	John Ikard	10:34 a.m.

Next Board of Directors Meeting					
Date:	Dec 18, 2025	Time:	9:00 a.m.	Location:	Hybrid via Zoom * NWCA offices

Submitted by: Alexi Palazzari

Approved by: Board of Directors Date:

