

National Western Center Authority Board Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:	July 16, 2026	Time:	9:00 am – 10:41 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	Zoom		
Diedra Garcia		X	
Kelly Leid		X	
Sandra Ruiz	In Person		
Tony Frank		X	
Bill Mosher	Zoom		Director joined at 10am
Doug Jones	In Person		
Wes Allison	In Person		
Ernest House	In Person		
Caroline Acha	Zoom		
Nicole Doheny*		X	
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 am
Board Business/Action Items		
A Motion was made by Director Doug Jones and seconded by Director Steve McCarthy to approve the Minutes for June 18, 2026. Motion approved.	John Ikard	9:03 am
Chairman Update		
The Chairman reminded the Board that there would be no August meeting. The Chairman noted that the clerical error in the meeting minutes for January 2026 – May 2026 has been corrected. The Chairman also shared that due to scheduling conflicts, the Board will enter Executive Session after the Chairman update.	John Ikard	9:04 am
Executive Session		
A Motion was made by Director Wes Allison and seconded by Director Doug Jones to enter Executive Session. Motion Approved.	John Ikard	9:04 am
A Motion was made by Director Doug Jones and seconded by Director Ernest House to exit Executive Session. Motion Approved.	John Ikard	9:38 am
CEO Update		
CEO Kate Girotti shared the success of the Ducky Derby and excitement about opportunities and future of NWC.	Kate Girotti	9:39 am
Partner Reports		
NWCO Update provided as part of the board packet with no additional updates.	Mike Bouchard	9:41 am
CSU: Update provided as part of the board packet with no additional updates.	Jeremy Davis	9:41 am
WSSA: Update included the following: - 2026 Legacy Total Events - 2026 Legacy Rental Revenue - WSSA Activities - o Legacy/SPUR Garage - o NWSS Update - o Knoebel Foundation Scholarships Looking Ahead	Wes Allison	9:41 am



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○ Scholarship Development ○ Youth Leadership Development ○ Stock Show Planning		
COMMUNITY UPDATE: Director Sandra Ruiz shared that Sabor Comunitario is underway, 21 students passed the serve safe test. Upcoming events include a community dinner and an Entrepreneur cohort fundraising dinner. Director Sandra shared that the art program which will be taught twice a week is looking for a location and there are 30 people interested. Director Caroline Acha shared that the site visit for Tepeyac is complete and they are planning their October fundraising Gala. Director Caroline also shared that the CIF Grantee Celebration is July 23rd.	Sandra Ruiz & Caroline Acha	9:51 am
Community Update		
Update included the Community Impact Report and Community Impact Spotlight.	Lori Laurita	9:58 am
Committee Reports		
Finance & Audit Update provided as part of the board packet with additional information provided during the board meeting.	Mitzi Kissel	10:06 am
Campus Services & Partnerships No meeting this month, no update provided.	Joe McCullough	10:07 am
Community Benefits No meeting this month, no update provided.	Ernest House & Lori Laurita	10:07 am
Public Comment		
Community member Armando Payan shared an update on the UCAN apprenticeship program. The Board received his comments and thanked him for his input. Community members Milo Valdez and Rebecca Trujillo addressed the Board regarding a follow-up to the June Board Meeting discussion. The Board received their comments and thanked them for their input. Community member Shannon Hoffman addressed the Board regarding the Community Investment Fund. The Board received her comments and thanked her for her input.	John Ikard	10:08 am



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Action Item		
A Motion was made by Director Wes Allison and seconded by Director Doug Joens for the CEO to Approve the purchase of concessions items through the TIPS-USA cooperative purchasing agreement. Motion approved.	John Ikard	10:47 am
Adjourn		
There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.	John Ikard	10:50 am

Next Board of Directors Meeting					
Date:	September 17, 2026	Time:	9:00 a.m.	Location:	Hybrid via Zoom * NWCA offices

Submitted by: Alexi Palazzari

Approved by: Board of Directors Date:



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