

National Western Center Authority Board Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:	June 18, 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	In Person		
Diedra Garcia	In Person		
Kelly Leid		X	
Sandra Ruiz	In Person		
Tony Frank	In Person		
Bill Mosher	In Person		
Doug Jones	In Person		
Wes Allison	In Person		
Ernest House	Zoom		
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, Rico Munn, 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	9:01 am
Board Business/Action Items		
A Motion was made by Director Doug Jones and seconded by Director Wes Allison to approve the Minutes for May 21, 2026. Motion approved.	John Ikard	9:01 am
Chairman Update		
The Chairman provided a report and welcomed Kate Girotti to the meeting.	John Ikard	9:02 am
Action Item		
A Motion was made by Director John Ikard and seconded by Director Tony Frank to approve the Employment Agreement between the National Western Center Authority and Kate Girotti, and to appoint Kate Girotti as Chief Executive Officer of the National Western Center Authority, effective July 6, 2026, and to authorize the Chair to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the Agreement on behalf of the Authority. Motion approved.	John Ikard	9:02 am
CEO Update		
Steve Nalley provided the following report: Facilities Update - Equestrian Center/Hotel in Executive Session - CUP North parking structure – construction is underway 2026 Events Update Community Outreach & Engagement We Don't Waste Food Market WeeCycle Compost Colorado Free Community Tickets GES Led Engagement Events	Steve Nalley	9:03 am
Partner Reports		
NWCO Update provided as part of the board packet.	Mike Bouchard	9:15 am
CSU: Update provided as part of the board meeting: General Updates:	Jeremy Davis	9:15 am



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76 media hits over the last 30 days:Wiz Kid Emmy Nomination, Denverite, Colorado Public Radio, CBS Colorado every Thursday, CBS nationwide affiliates, National Geographic. ▪Estimated reach of 355 million, ▪Advertising equivalence of 3.2 million. Educational Highlights Highlights: 530 campers across 18 June camps. Second Saturdays drawing 700–1,000+. 12 OURA Summer Interns. 47 committed to Spur Start (Fall '26). What's Next: 16 more camps this summer! Fall '26 field trip registration opens in August. Piloting virtual programs to Adams County. New water exhibits opening Sept '26. Anchor Institution & Community Engagement Bruce & Beyond Career Fair at CSU Spur SCFD Free Day at Plains Conservation Center Community Night by Denver Water Community Pizza Nights Event Highlights Independence Day Energy Advancing Engagement & Extension		
WSSA: Update provided as part of the board packet. WSSA shared the additional following updates: Saloon Happy Hour open tonight, 6/18.	Wes Allison	9:28 am
COMMUNITY UPDATE: Sabor Comunitario is starting the 7 week course on June 29. Sandra expressed gratitude to NWCA & CSU. The program will teach cooking and business skills. There is a waitlist and the next program will be in August.	Sandra Ruiz & Caroline Acha	9:29 am



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Tortillas for Tepeyac was a successful event. Caroline expressed gratitude to participating partners. Tepeyac will have a Gala in a few months, more details to follow.		
Committee Reports		
Finance & Audit Update provided as part of the board packet with additional information provided during the board meeting.	Mitzi Kissel	9:32 am
Campus Services & Partnerships Update provided as part of the board packet.	Jessica Koenig	9:35 am
Community Benefits Update provided as part of the board packet.	Ernest House	9:35 am
Facilities Update		
Omar provided the following updates: Major Projects • Campus Security Enhancements • Surveillance Operations Center • Campus Fiber Network Integration • SYEC Airflow Improvements • Mezzanine Access Improvements • Rigging Infrastructure Assessment • NWCA + BluePoint ATM Solutions Campus WIFI – Splash page Campus House Systems Project LVC Commissioning and Triangle handover 2026 Contract Activity: Completed & Near Completion	Omar Galvan	9:38 am
Public Comment		
Community members Milo Valdez and Rebecca Truijio addressed the Board regarding governance and transparency in the administration of the Community Investment Fund (CIF). The Board received their comments and thanked them for their input.	John Ikard	9:50 am
Executive Session		
A Motion was made by Director Doug Jones and seconded by Director Wes Allison to enter Executive Session. Motion Approved.	John Ikard	10:17 am
A Motion was made by Director Tony Frank and seconded by Director Steve McCarthy to exit Executive Session. Motion Approved.	John Ikard	10:40 am
Action Item		
A Motion was made by Director John Ikard and seconded by Director Diedra Garcia for the CEO to Approve the	John Ikard	10:40 am



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XtractOne purchase of two (2) security detectors. Motion approved.		
Adjourn		
There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.	John Ikard	10:41 am

Next Board of Directors Meeting					
Date:	July 16, 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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