

East Central BOCES Board Meeting

August 20, 2025
7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Diana Elliot – board president; the following Board members were in attendance:

Doug Purdy - Agate	Janet Kravig - Karval
Lindsay Micheal - Arriba/Flagler	Andrew Pruitt - Kiowa
Stacie Perez - Burlington	Kaitlin Johnson - Kit Carson
Allison Harris - Byers	Kari Schultz - Liberty
Jake Pelton - Cheyenne Wells	Jake Herrera - Limon
Gale Bell - Deer Trail	Diana Elliott - Strasburg
Ken Stroud - Genoa/Hugo	Darren Hornung - Stratton
Nathan McCaffrey - Hi-Plains	Jake Coraor - Woodlin

Those Board members not in attendance were:

Drew Axsome - Arickaree	Amie Powell - Bethune
Alyssa Pae - Bennett	Andrea Louthan - Idalia

Those Superintendents in attendance were:

Shane Walkinshaw - Burlington	Myles Johnson - Kit Carson
Tom Turrell - Byers	Rhonda Puckett - Liberty
Corey Doss - Cheyenne Wells	Rob McMullan - Limon
Mike Jobman - Deer Trail	Kelle Bongard - Strasburg
Dan Melendrez - Genoa/Hugo	Julie Shue - Stratton
Sarah Nuss - Karval	

Those Superintendents not in attendance were:

Melinda Walls – Agate	Giget Brubacher - Hi-Plains
Mike Page – Arickaree	Kristi Minor - Idalia
Kelly Packer – Arriba/Flagler	Travis Hargreaves - Kiowa
Robin Purdy - Bennett	Paul Griese - Woodlin
Terry Weber Bethune	

Others in attendance were: Jason Westfall, Beverly Blagg, Moira Hawks, Megan Eikleberry, Nicole Kollath, Lorie Coonts, Craig Bailey and Jarred Masterson - BOCES.

II. Approval of Agenda

Diana Elliott - Strasburg wanted additional items listed under the Consent Agenda. The following were amended: DeAnna Wilmes under resignation has decided to stay with us and will not be resigning. There are the following additional new employees to add to our Employment section: Maria Ellis has decided not to be employed by EC BOCES. Other new employees are Lori Hale - who will be a part-time teacher in the Strasburg CBLP. Also, Daviana Fernandez will be a para at the east CBLP, Christina Sauer will be a para at the west CBLP. There was a motion by Stacie Perez - Burlington to approve the agenda with the noted changes. A second by Lindsey Michal - Arriba/Flagler. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes

Michal Lindsey - Arriba/Flagler, made the motion to approve the minutes for the June 25, 2025 meeting. A second by Stacie Perez - Burlington; roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

IV. Public Comments

There were none.

V. Consent Agenda Items

Andrew Pruitt - Kiowa made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented with the noted changes of employment. A second by Janet Kravig - Karval. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried.

VI. Business – Action Items

There were no action items.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Strategic Planning Session

We will be gathering for our annual Strategic Planning Session in Monument on September 10-12. With three new superintendents joining our BOCES, part of the time together will be building connections and fostering relations, alongside updating our EC BOCES Legislative Platform. Jason's goal is to strengthen an inclusive, supportive, and collaborative dynamic among our superintendents through meaningful discussion and shared work. We will also bring in CASE, CASB, CBA and Rural Alliance.

We will also be discussing the hiring of the new Executive Director position. We will be discussing what attributes they want to see in an Executive Director and then discuss what questions they would like to see in the interview process.

The following people are on the hiring committee:

Tom Turrell - Byers
Rhonda Puckett - Idalia
Dan Melendrez - Genoa/Hugo
Diana Elliott - Strasburg
Janet Kravig - Karval
Darren Hornung - Stratton
Beverly Blagg - SPED Director
Megan Eikleberry - Federal Programs
Nicole Kollath - Asst. SPED Director

The timeline for posting the job will be November and December. Screening applicants the first week of January and starting interviews the second week of January. This gives adequate time for cross training to happen by the end of June.

B. November Board meeting details

Our next meeting will be on November 19th and it will be held here at the BOCES. We are required by law to hold one face-to-face meeting and we do this one so that the audit can be presented and handed out. We start out with dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Center across the parking lot and will start our meeting at 7 p.m. We encourage all of you to attend.

VIII. Reports - Enclosed

Executive Director – Enclosed

I wanted to call your attention to the end of my report where I have put my letter of resignation as of June 30, 2026, so that the process to hire a new Executive Director can proceed.

Additional Staff Reports – Enclosed

Megan was the only one who had something to add to her report. She shared the following:

Title I, Part C is a federally funded program that supports students who have moved into a district within the past three years for job opportunities related to work in agriculture. East Central BOCES partners with Centennial BOCES to fund the salary and benefits of our regional Family Specialist, Anais Castillo. Anais helps identify eligible students and families so they can access supplemental educational support.

Services such as tutoring, language support, high school graduation prep, summer programming, and family engagement opportunities are provided. In our area, Guillermo Barriga supports Kiowa and Bennett since they are part of the metro area, and Cecilia Estrada supports Arickaree and Woodlin who are part of the Yuma area. Anais supports the rest of the 16 districts.

In the coming months, Anais will be visiting schools to collect the occupational surveys that are included with school enrollment forms, share information, and connect identified families with resources. Principals and superintendents will

receive referral information, and school staff or community members can also refer families directly by contacting Anais at anaisc@ecboces.org.

Quarterly Financial Report

We were glad that we got confirmation of Title I, II and III funds that are coming this year. Title I and III we are certain for 2026-2027 but we won't know anything after that.

IX. Adjournment

The next BOCES Board meeting will be November 19, 2025 starting at 6 p.m. with dinner at the Senior Center and the meeting to follow afterwards at 7 p.m.

There was a motion by Jake Herrera - Limon, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second by Kari Schultz – Liberty; roll call vote was taken; motion carries. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

BOCES Board Secretary

Date Approved