East Central BOCES

August 19, 2026

7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Diana Elliot – board president over Zoom; the following Board members were in attendance:

Doug Purdy - Agate
Jennifer Koolstra - Arickaree
Lindsey Michal - Arriba/Flagler
Nancy Barden - Bennett (late)
Scott Powell - Bethune (late)
George Homm - Burlington
Jennifer Borders - Byers
James Halde - Cheyenne Wells
Gale Bell - Deer Trail
Mark Hollowell - Deer Trail
Craig Soehner - Idalia
Curt Dutro - Karval
Andrew Pruitt - Kiowa
Jason Vermillion - Kit Carson
Alicia Sears - Liberty
Jake Herrera - Limon
Diana Elliott - Strasburg
Darren Hornung - Stratton

Those Board members not in attendance were:

Todd Tagtmeyer - Hi-Plains
Brandy Cutshaw - Woodlin

Those Superintendents in attendance were:

Gena Ramey - Arickaree
Robin Purdy - Bennett
Terry Weber - Bethune
Mike Waters - Burlington
Tom Turrell - Byers
Mike Jobman - Deer Trail
Dan Melendrez - Genoa/Hugo
Kristi Minor - Idalia
Sarah Nuss - Karval
Myles Johnson - Kit Carson
Rhonda Puckett - Liberty
Rob McMullen - Limon
Julie Shue - Stratton

Those Superintendents not in attendance were:

Malinda Walls - Agate
Kelly Packer - Arriba/Flagler
Robert Framel - Cheyenne Wells
Giget Brubacher - Hi-Plains
Erin Kruse - Kiowa
Kelle Bongard - Strasburg
Paul Griese - Woodlin

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

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mark Hollowell - Genoa/Hugo, to approve the agenda as presented. A second by Curt Dutro - Karval. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes

Jason Vermillion - Kit Carson, made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2026 meeting as presented. Scott Powell - Bethune, seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried.

IV. Public Comments

There were none.

V. Consent Agenda Items

Mark Hollowell - Genoa/Hugo, made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented with the following items:

- Resignation of Melissa Schroeder and Daviana Fernandez - East CBLP Para's and Deanna Wilmes - West CBLP Para.
- Employment of Jessica Ullerick, Jesus "Jay" Raymer, Anahi Garcia and Leslie Oquendo - East CBLP Para's.
- Policy Adoption - Emergency Adoption GBI (updated was sent to you via email).
- Policy Adoption First Reading AC-E-1, DJB, DJB-R, GBEB, GBI, JLF, JLF-R
- Policy Repeal - JKA, JKA- R

Sara Nuss asked if these policies were from CASB. Shane shared that they were, but with the current CBI audit we are going through they wanted to see some specific wording included and he also had Caplan & Ernest look at it.

A second by Jake Herrera - Limon. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried.

VI. Business – Action Items - None

VII. Discussion Items

A. Strategic Planning Session

Our Strategic Planning Session will be on September 9th and 10th and we appreciate you taking the time to come together. We will have Caplan & Ernest talk about the 504 legislation and will also be discussing our legislative platform.

B. November Board Meeting Details
BOCES Board meeting will be in person on November 18, 2026 starting at 6 p.m. for dinner at the Senior Center across the parking lot and our meeting to follow at 7 p.m. in the BOCES West Training Room. We hope you can all come.

VIII. Reports - Enclosed

A. Executive Director – Enclosed

B. Additional Staff Reports – Enclosed

C. Quarterly Financial Report

Diana asked if there were any other questions or comments about the reports submitted. There were none. Diana wanted to commend the SPED staff for being 100% compliant on their Indicator 13. That is a huge accomplishment and Bev shared that Nicole had been working on that.

IX. Adjournment

The next BOCES Board meeting will be November 18, 2026, starting at 6 p.m. for dinner at the Senior Center and our meeting to follow at 7 p.m. in the BOCES West Training Room.

There was a motion by Nancy Barden - Bennett, to adjourn the meeting. A second by Curt Dutro - Karval. A roll call vote was taken; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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BOCES Board Secretary Date Approved