Full Board Meeting
Friday, October 02, 2026, at 10:00 AM MST

NALWDB Conference Room
525 Camino De Los Marquez
Suite 250
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Floyd Archuleta:	Present
Sarah Boisvert	Absent
Dr. Rebecca Estrada:	Present/Zoom
Maria Herrera:	Excused
Rudy Garcia	Absent
Clarence Maestas	Present
Jennifer Martinez	Present/Zoom
Mario Lucero:	Present/Zoom
Pablo Lujan	Present
Sean Medrano:	Absent
Jolene Nelson:	Absent
Mayor David Romero	Present/Zoom
Chairman Jon Paul Romero	Present
Kevin Romero	Absent
Arthur Sparks	Excused

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Present: 8, Excused: 8.
Also in attendance: NALWDB Staff: Lisa Ortiz – Executive Director, Barney Trujillo - Operations Manager, Ruthie Mares – Quality Assurance Specialist, Issy Lozano – Program Support Specialist. **Guests:** Ericka Van Eckhoutte – Adult/DW Director, Nina Valdez – One Stop Operator, Veronica Alonzo – NMDWS, Crystal Hollon – NMDWS, Chanin O'Rouke – DWS, Becky Vega – NMDWS, Leroy Garcia – NMDWS, Shellonda Rucker – Career TEAM, Julio Garcia – Legal Counsel, Ramon Pazos – NMDWS, Margarito Aragon – NMDWS, Sandy Trujillo – YDI Chief Operations Officer, Concha Cordova – YDI Vice President.

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Jon Paul Romero.

2. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Roll call was conducted by NALWDB Program Support Specialist Issy Lozano, who reported that a quorum was present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda. This Motion was made by Board Member Floyd Archuleta, seconded by Vice Chair Pablo Lujan. Chairman Jon Paul Romero called for a voice vote, and the motion passed.

5. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the September 17, 2026, full board meeting minutes. This motion was made by Vice Chair Pablo Lujan, seconded by Board Member Floyd Archuleta. Chairman Jon Paul Romero called for a voice vote, and the motion passed.

6. Action Items

6.1 Local Plan Modification

Executive Director Lisa Ortiz reported that the PY24–PY27 Local Plan Modification had been available for public comment for 30 days and that no public comments were received. Minor revisions included updating the Board Chair, Vice Chair, Board roster, standing committees, and the PY26–PY27 performance levels recently negotiated with the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions. Executive Director Lisa Ortiz recommended approval of the Local Plan Modification for submission to the Department of Workforce Solutions.

Board Member Rebecca Estrada asked whether the Department of Workforce Solutions had reviewed the modification for alignment with state priorities. Executive Director Lisa Ortiz explained that the Department would review the plan after submission and that any requested changes would be made at that time.

Board Member Floyd Archuleta moved to approve the PY24–PY27 Local Plan Modification. Vice Chair Pablo Lujan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

Operations Manager Barney Trujillo thanked staff, particularly Quality Assurance Specialist Ruthie Mares, for developing a data-based accountability tool to support implementation of the Local Plan Modification over the next two years.

Quality Assurance Specialist Ruthie Mares explained that staff reviewed FutureWorks and New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions data concerning labor market participation, declining occupations, projected in-demand occupations, and training programs available through the Eligible Training Provider List. Rather than applying one strategy across the entire ten-county region, staff analyzed each county individually and

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developed a tracking tool containing 60 initiatives, with six initiatives assigned to each county.

Quality Assurance Specialist Ruthie Mares provided Colfax County as an example, noting its large aging population and need for healthcare, education, and skilled-labor training. The initiatives include efforts to expand relevant training opportunities through Luna Community College and other providers.

In response to Vice Chair Pablo Lujan, Quality Assurance Specialist Ruthie Mares explained that the tracking tool includes deadlines and identifies the individuals responsible for each initiative. It will coordinate the Board's work with service providers, support the addition of programs to the Eligible Training Provider List, and allow progress and performance results to be monitored quarterly.

7. Announcements

Executive Director Lisa Ortiz reported that negotiations for the PY26–PY27 performance measures were completed with the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions. Chairman Jon Paul Romero, Vice Chair Pablo Lujan, and a Chief Elected Official participated in the negotiations. Executive Director Lisa Ortiz stated that the negotiated measures were fair and mutually agreed upon and would be shared with the service providers during upcoming meetings.

Chairman Jon Paul Romero agreed that the negotiations proceeded efficiently and expressed satisfaction with the outcome.

8. Public Comments

There were no public comments reported.

9. Next Meeting Date: November 18, 2026

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:11am. This Motion was made by Vice Chair Pablo Lujan seconded by Board Member Rebecca Estrada.

An Executive Session may be called at any time during the meeting. Pursuant to New Mexico Open Meetings Act Section 10-15-1 (H) Subsections; (1) Meetings pertaining g to issuance, suspension, renewal or revocation of a license, except that a hearing at which evidence is offered or rebutted shall be open. All final actions on the issuance, suspension, renewal or revocation of a license shall be taken at an open meeting; (2) Limited personnel matters; provided that for purposes of the Open Meetings Act, "limited personnel matters" means the discussion of hiring, promotion , demotion, dismissal, assignment or resignation of or the investigation or consideration of complaints or charges against any individual public employee; provided further that this paragraph is not to be construed as to exempt final actions on personnel from being taken at open public meetings, nor does it preclude an aggrieved public employee from

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demanding a public hearing. Judicial candidates interviewed by any commission shall have the right to demand an open interview; (3) Deliberations by a public body in connection with an administrative adjudicatory proceedings For purposes of this paragraph, "administrative adjudicatory proceeding" means a proceeding brought by or against a person before a public body in which individual legal rights, duties or privileges are required by law to be determined by the public body after an opportunity for a trial-type hearing. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the actual administrative adjudicatory proceeding at which evidence is offered or rebutted and any final action taken as a result of the proceeding shall occur in an open meeting; (4) The discussion of personally identifiable information about any individual student, unless the student or the student's parent or guardian requests otherwise; (5) Meetings for the discussion of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining negotiations between the policymaking body and a bargaining unit representing the employees of that policymaking body and collective bargaining sessions at which the policymaking body and the representatives of the collective bargaining unit are present; (6) that portion of meetings at which a decision concerning purchases in an amount exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500) that can be made only from one source is discussed and that portion of meetings at which the contents of competitive sealed proposals solicited pursuant to the Procurement Code are discussed during the contract negotiation process. (7) Meetings subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become participant; (8) Meetings for the discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body.

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