

CES Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
June 5, 2025

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. by President Elect, Elisa Begueria. The meeting notice, agenda, and accompanying documents were disseminated to attendees 10 days prior to the meeting via email and posted on the CES' website.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Elisa Begueria – Lake Arthur
Michelle Gonzales – Penasco
Dr. Cindy Sims – Estancia
Cody Patterson – Carrizozo
Travis Dempsey – Gadsen
Erik Bose – ABQ Charter Academy
Stan Rounds

President Elect
Region II
Region IV
Region VII
Region VIII
NMCCS
NMCEL

Members Absent:

Brian Snider
Lauren Laws – Aztec
Johnna Bruhn – Mosquero
Tandee Delk – Elida
Dr. Gerry Washburn – Carlsbad
Joe Guillen
Dr. Sandra Rodriquez
Dr. Candice Castillo
Dr. Charley Carroll

President
Region I
Region III
Region V
Region VI
NMSBA
NM Higher Ed
NMPED
Higher Ed 2 Year

Non-Members Present:

David Chavez
Teresa Salazar
Robin Strauser
Norma Henderson
Lianne Pierce
Gustavo Rossell
Paul Benoit
Doug Marshall
Yvonne Tabet
Dr. Kimberly Mizell
LeAnne Gandy
Loretta Garcia
Alexis Esslinger

CES Executive Director
CES Chief Operating Officer
CED Chief Financial Officer
CES Finance Manager
CES Director of Ancillary Services
CES Director of Procurement
CES Northern Services Manager
CES IT Director
CES Director of Human Resources
CES Site Director
CES Director of Leadership Development
CES Tap Director
CES LEAP Director

Quorum:

CES Board Policy states that attendance by one third of the Executive Committee constitutes a quorum. This was, therefore, a duly convened meeting of the CES Executive Committee.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Stan Rounds seconded by Cody Patterson to approve the minutes from April 8, 2025.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Erik Bose seconded by Cody Patterson to approve the agenda for the June 5, 2025 Executive Committee meeting.

Agency Communications:

The following reports were presented

NMCCS – Erik Bose

The Supreme Court effectively blocked the establishment of a religious Charter School in Oklahoma in a 4-4 deadlock, leaving in place a previous Oklahoma Supreme Court ruling that deemed the religious school unconstitutional. The implications would be major if approved and would have changed the landscape of Charter Schools nationwide.

The first Monday in June is the deadline to apply as a new Charter School within the state. Two Charter Schools were approved one in Mora and the other in Las Cruces. Statistically, in the last ten years, only 20% of applications have been approved.

NMCEL – Stan Rounds

NMCEL and NMSSA combined retreat is scheduled June 10-12, 2025 at Buffalo Thunder. Will be working on their Strategic Plan.

As a reminder NMCEL is the American Association of School Administrators umbrella organization within New Mexico. We have twenty affiliates we have the largest number of affiliates in the nation.

NMPED – Dr. Castillo

Not present. No report given.

NMSBA – Joe Guillen

Not present. No report given.

Higher Education (4yr) – Dr. Sandra Rodriguez

Nothing to report at this meeting.

Higher Education (2yr) – Dr. Charley Carroll

Not present. No report given.

Administrative Reports

Elisa Begueria proposed that, since the administrative reports were incorporated into the strategic plan presentation and the full reports for Finance, Ancillary, Procurement, Technology, Southern, Services, and Human Resources are included in the meeting packet, we forgo a recap and proceed directly to the FY25–26 operating budget presentation.

Executive Director Reports:

Increase the Ancillary budget by 4%. The increase would be used to provide a 4% compensation increase for staff.

We have increased compensation by 5% for all core CES Staff. We have included enough budget to allow for a 4% incentive if CES meets its financial goal for next fiscal year.

Hiring of two state service representatives for our expansion into Idaho and Utah. These individuals would be the direct contacts for our PE members in each of those states.

Hiring an individual to help school districts in the area of Human Resources and Special Education Administration this would be a fee-based program.

We will be subsidizing SITE by \$633,817.00; we will be subsidizing LEAP by \$937,931.00. Site was subsidized at approximately \$425,000.00. Dr. Mizell has done a great job of marketing the program and this year was able to contract with districts for approximately \$200,000.00. We are projecting revenue at \$100,000.00 in next year's budget. Leap was subsidized at approximately \$600,000.00 this year we received and Indian Education IGA for approximately \$471,000.00 and that IGA appears will not be available for LEAP next year.

CTE, I propose that we budget \$150,000.00 to support the CTE Alliance model. I have begun reaching out to districts in the Southeast, Southwest, Northeast, Northwest and Central regions to determine their interest in participating in working to enrich their CTE programs. We plan to hold a one day "Think Tank" conference at Northern New Mexico College on Thursday, June 12, 2025. The outcome of the conference will assist in informing the organizational strategic plan as well as individual district planning.

Six-Year Study – We have budgeted approximately \$860,000.00 for the six year study that includes the AAIS contract for mathematics professional development.

Robin provided an overview of the FY25-26 operating budget for CES and SCC.

As of April 30, 2025, CES had a total revenue of \$283,996,838. Compared to April 2024, this year's revenue is \$14,527,882 more. SSC had total revenue of \$392,427. Total combined revenue was \$284,389,266 compared to total revenue of \$269,756,274 for April 2024. This is a 5.4% increase, or \$14,632,991 more revenue this year compared to last year.

Also as of April 30, 2025, CES had a profit of \$2,030,163 and SSC had a profit of \$256,490. Combined profit for both entities was \$2,286,653 which is \$463,632 higher than April 2024, a 24% increase.. April 2024's profit was \$1,923,021.

As of April 30, 2025, CES had a Net Fund Balance of \$17,863,198. CES is in an exceptionally good financial position.

Personnel Report – Mr. Chavez stood for questions. No questions were asked.

A motion was made by Stan Rounds, seconded by Cody Patterson to approve CES' budget packet as presented. Motion passes unanimously.

A motion was made by Cody Patterson, seconded by Stan Rounds to approve CES' Strategic Plan as presented. Motion passes unanimously.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Stan Rounds, seconded by Cody Patterson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passes unanimously.

Setting Next Meeting Dates

- a. Tuesday, July 15, 2025– cancel meeting.
- b. Monday, October 13, 2025, – 3:00PM Embassy Suites in conjunction with FMWS.

A motion was made by Travis Dempsey, seconded by Erik Bose to approve the cancellation of the July meeting. Motion passes unanimously.

A motion was made by Travis Dempsey to adjourn, seconded by Cody Patterson. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.