

Budget Work Session Minutes

Coordinating Council Meeting - Virtual or in person

Date & Time April 19, 2023 9:00 AM

Meeting info: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95813134068>

Chairman Lightfoot called the Budget Work Session to order at 9:02 a.m.. Members present: Mr. Patterson, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. Martin. Absent: Ms. Daughtery, Dr. Bickert, and Mr. Lee.

Chairman Lightfoot asked for a motion to approve the content of the agenda. Mr. Patterson provided a motion to approve the order and content of the agenda, a second was provided by Mr. Lindsay. A roll call vote ensued, Mr. Patterson-yes; Mr. Lindsay-yes; Mr. Martin-yes; Mr. Lightfoot-yes. With 4 members voting yes, the motion passed.

Ms. Lindsay presented the board with the Region 9 budget reflecting the 6% salary increase to the budget for FY 23-24. Mr. Dooley commented that the cash required to balance the budget is less than required in prior years.

There were no further questions and Chairman Lightfoot asked for a motion to adjourn the Budget Work Session at 9:09 a.m. Mr. Lindsay provided a motion to adjourn the Budget Work Session, a second was provided by Mr. Patterson. A roll call vote ensued, Mr. Lindsay-yes; Mr. Patterson-yes; Mr. Martin-yes; Mr. Lightfoot-yes. With 4 members voting yes, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman Lightfoot then called the regularly scheduled Coordinating Council meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Present: Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Martin, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Lindsay. Absent: Ms. Daugherty, Dr. Bickert, and Mr. Lee.

Chairman Lightfoot asked for a motion to approve the order and content of the agenda. Mr. Patterson provided the motion to approve the order and content of the agenda, a second was provided by Mr. Lindsay. A roll call vote ensued, Mr. Patterson-yes; Mr. Lindsay-yes; Mr. Martin-yes; Mr. Lightfoot-yes. With 4 members voting yes, the motion passed.

Chairman Lightfoot asked for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2023. Mr. Lindsay provided a motion to approve the meeting minutes for March 15, 2023, a second was provided by Mr. Patterson. A roll call ensued, Mr. Lindsay-yes; Mr. Patterson-yes; Mr. Martin-yes; Mr. Lightfoot-yes. With 4 members voting yes, the motion passed.

Chairman Lightfoot asked for a motion to approve the previous month's checks for March 2023. Mr. Patterson provided a motion to approve the previous month's checks for March 2023, a second was provided by Mr. Lindsay. A roll call vote ensued, Mr. Patterson-yes; Mr. Lindsay-yes; Mr. Martin-yes; Mr. Lightfoot-yes. With 4 members voting yes, the motion passed.

Chairman Lightfoot asked for a motion to approve the Budget Adjustment Requests (BARS) and to delegate Mr. Dooley authority for BAR approval thru June 30th. Mr. Lindsay provided a motion to approve the Budget Adjustment Requests (BARS) and to delegate authority for BAR approval thru June 30th to Mr. Dooley, a second was provided by Mr. Patterson. A roll call vote ensued, Mr. Lindsay-yes, Mr. Patterson-yes; Mr. Martin-yes; Mr. Lightfoot-yes. With 4 members voting yes, the motion passed.

Chairman Lightfoot asked for a motion to approve the Proposed Budgets with 6% increase as presented. Mr. Lindsay provided the motion to approve the Proposed Budgets with 6% increase as presented, a second was provided by Mr. Patterson. A roll call vote ensued, Mr. Lindsay-yes; Mr. Patterson-yes; Mr. Martin-yes; Mr. Lightfoot-yes. With 4 members voting yes, the motion passed.

Chairman Lightfoot asked for the Approval (3) Open Meeting Act (OMA) Resolution for 7-1-2023 to 6-30-24, Region 9 Schedule of regular meetings FY 23-24, and OMA Policy Resolution for FY 24. Mr. Patterson provided the motion to approve the Open Meeting Act, Resolution for 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024, Region 9 Schedule of regular meetings, OMA policy Resolution for FY 24. , a second was provided by Mr. Martin. A roll call vote ensued, Mr. Patterson-yes; Mr. Martin-yes; Mr. Lindsay-yes; Mr. Lightfoot-yes. With 4 members voting yes, the motion passed.

Chairman Lightfoot asked for a motion to approve Region IX Early Head Start Grant Application and Supporting Documents FY 23 that include; Budget Justification, Narrative, T/TA Plan, Cost Allocation Plan Program Goals Update, Early Head Start Self Assessment 22-23, Region IX Head Start/EHS Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, and Enrollment Policy & Procedure. Ms. Goeller presented an overview of the Region IX Head Start/EHS Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, and Enrollment Policy & Procedure and highlighted the key areas of this report. Mr. Patterson provided a motion to approve the Region IX Early Head Start Grant Application and Supporting Documents FY 23, a second was provided by Mr. Lindsay. A roll call vote ensued; Mr. Patterson-yes; Mr. Lindsay-yes; Mr. Martin-yes; Mr. Lightfoot-yes. With 4 members voting yes, the motion passed.

Director Status Report

Mr. Dooley highlighted several areas in the director status report including, an update on the Early Childhood Building. Congresswoman Melanie Stansbury called to relay that our application for supportive funding through a congressional appropriation had been approved and moved to the next round of selection. Modular Solutions and Region 9 met with the Village Planning Review and received news that the Village of Ruidoso passed the review and we can proceed with the project. Mr. Dooley will work with Modular Solutions to obtain final pricing from subcontractors and start getting permits in place. The NM Department of Transportation (NMDOT) will also be a part of the planning by helping us obtain gate access onto Bonanza Drive, so that we may have a back exit for safety. This will give us 2 entrances in front and the ability to exit in back for safety. Mr. Dooley also shared that based on the board's feedback on negotiating with the Solar Charging developer for a shared revenue increase, Region 9 will get a revenue share increase of from 5% to 8%. Region 9 will be applying through our Lincoln County Head Start program for the newly released New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) PreK 3y-4 yr application. The grant is being submitted for Lincoln County in a dual

enrollment blended application through Region 9. This will provide flexibility for enrollment across Lincoln County to serve families and support the services Region 9 already has in place. The NM RECA announced that the Digital Equity Bill passed and are now waiting on PED technology to identify a dollar amount for next year's budget. REC9 will support with assistance from the other RECSs the facilitation of the NMCEL conference in July. Developmental Services is currently serving 54 children and Home Visiting has 78 active families. The Parents as Teachers playgroup is the 3rd Thursday of the month from 10:15-11:30 p.m. in the ballroom at Mountain Annes on Sudderth Drive. All families who have children 5 and under are invited. The Partnership in Early Childhood Education (PIECE) Coalition has submitted their needs assessment and strategic plan, meeting its second deliverable. They are always looking for new members especially from our school districts and parents. Meetings are held every 4th Thursday of the month at Region 9. ECECD announced that the agency's Family Infant Toddler (FIT) program, is now ranked first in the nation in identifying and serving babies birth to 12 months old by the federal Office of Special Education Programs. Educational Services will have a mentorship event for teachers enrolled in the SPED/IED mentorship program May 10-12 in Albuquerque. Also available online is the Professional Development Tracking sheet. Internal Supports has 6 events in March & April (hybrid & in-person). The Statewide Technology Initiative funding extended into 2024. Four schools are participating in the Student Run Help Desk & Repair Depot Center; all RECs participating in Academic Competition & Tech Bits; Calendar up and Running; 84 teachers participating in classes with ENMU for ED Tech Classes through the scholarship pilot program; 4 IT Specialists helping across the state; 4 Digital Learning Coaches helping teachers with ed tech tools and how to integrate them into the classroom. The in person State Academic Competition will be held in Albuquerque April 24-25, Corona and Cloudcroft will be sending their teams to compete from Region 9.

Chairman Lightfoot asked members if there were any items they would like to include at the next meeting. No items were mentioned to have at the next meeting.

Chairman Lightfoot asked for a motion to adjourn 9:42 a.m. Mr. Patterson provided the motion to adjourn, a second was provided by Mr. Lindsay. A roll call vote ensued, Mr. Patterson-yes; Mr. Lindsay-yes; Mr. Lightfoot-yes, Mr. Martin was absent for the vote and Mr. Lightfoot adjourned the meeting.

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May 17, 2023