



## REGIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE VII

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### MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the REC VII Board of Directors was held at the REC 7 Board Room on October 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Snider, President  
Gene Strickland, Vice President  
Greg Slover, Secretary  
Dwain Haynes, Member-Proxy  
April Williams, Executive Director/REC VII  
Pat Jaco, Director of Finance/REC VII

Guests: Sue Haynes-Eunice Public Schools  
Gary Tripp-Physics in a Box  
Anatoli Conchango-Physics in a Box

The meeting was called to order @ 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Snider.

### AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Strickland for approval of Consideration of Agenda (10/12/2023); motion unanimously carried.

### MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Slover to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting (09/28/2023); motion unanimously carried.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Mr. Strickland for approval of Entitlement, Preschool, Title II, Medicaid, REC Operational, Pre-K, and State Directed Activities (September 2023)

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DWAIN HAYNES  
Superintendent  
Eunice Public Schools

GENE STRICKLAND  
Superintendent  
Hobbs Municipal Schools

BRIAN SNIDER  
Superintendent  
Jal Public Schools

GREG SLOVER  
Superintendent  
Tatum Municipal Schools

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL OF DECREASE  
BAR FUND 27149**

Motion by Mr. Strickland for approval of Decrease Bar Fund 27149 (NM PREK) due to Tatum not qualifying for the transportation; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL OF INCREASE  
BAR FUND 27101**

Motion by Mr. Strickland for approval of Increase Bar Fund 27101 (Operational C-Tech) to budget for C-Tech Initiative MOU with Region IX; motion unanimously carried.

**INFORMATION:**

**Executive Director Discussion:**

1. Medicaid Information for September 2023.
2. EdTech Boost Update-We have had a great response in the number of people who have registered to participate in the Ed Tech Boost program. Kristy Hughes from C-Tech will be serving as the Data Point of Contact for the program. Because the EdTech Boost has not reached the 300-participant cap within the program, they are allowing districts to surpass the 30 participants, As of October 4, REC 7 has 43 educators registered. Each of the 10 RECs were allocated funding for 30 educators to participate in the EdTech Boost NM Program. However, instead of turning away educators from an REC that reached their 30-participant limit, they opted to allow RECs to recruit as many educators as possible so long as we did not exceed the 300 total for the program. As such, in order to accommodate all the additional registered educators for that REC, we need to move those registrations to an REC that has slots available. By implementing this shift of registrations, they are able to fund the additional educators and ensure that everyone will receive the support and resources they need. Point of Contact for matters related to travel expenses, stipends, and other program related inquiries will be Damon Terry. The REC Director overseeing the program will be Damon Terry. The EdTech Specialist will be Tessa Talsma. While the original REC director may occasionally check in on progress, the aforementioned individuals will be primary contacts for all matters concerning your participation and compensation in the EdTech Boost Program.
3. NM SED Director-Margaret Cage, Ed.D, as Special Education Director began work on October 2, 2023 and is from Louisiana. She has certification in Special Education, Masters in Educational Leadership and a Doctorate of Executive Leadership.
4. Toolbox 4.3 Update-Met through ZOOM with Elena Gallegos regarding workshop due to high interest level at the previous board meeting. I was able to get quotes regarding cost of booklets, maximum number of attendees and possible dates in January that she is available. The workshop would benefit administration, IEP case managers, related service providers, etc.
5. Physics Presentation-Gary Tripp, a CES ALD Instructor & Consultant is here to provide a presentation regarding Physics in a Box.

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Upcoming Trainings/Events

- A. Secretary Call-October 19, 2023 9:00 a.m.
- B. CES Leadership Conference-October 17-18, 2023
- C. NM Association of Elementary School Principals-October 19-20, 2023 Albuquerque
- D. COGNIA Training October 25, 2023 Portales
- E. TAPS
- F. Next Meeting Scheduled for November 9, 2023

Additional Informational Items:

Special Education Winter Academy November 16-17, 2023

Legislative Preparation for Superintendents with Stan Rounds

As of Friday, there are 25 attendees registered for the COGNIA training to be held on October 25, 2023 in Portales. They are limiting the number of participants to 45-50, so there is still room for those who would like to participate.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the Regular Board Meeting of 10/12/2023 was adjourned at 11:05 a.m., motioned by Mr. Slover; motion unanimously carried.



**April Williams**

**REC VII Executive Director**



**Brian Snider**

**REC VII Board President**