

## 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 April 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Snider, President

Gene Strickland, Vice President

Greg Slover, Secretary

Dwain Haynes, Member

April Williams, Executive Director/REC VII

Pat Jaco, Director of Finance/REC VII

Guests: Pam Quinones-Lovington Municipal Schools  
Carrie Lindner-Eunice Public Schools

The meeting was called to order @ 10:04 a.m. by Mr. Snider.

### AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Strickland for approval of Consideration of Agenda (04/11/2024); motion unanimously carried.

### MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Strickland to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting (03/07/2024); 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 (March 2024)

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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 REC7  
24-25 CALENDAR**

Motion by Mr. Strickland for approval of REC7 24-25 Calendar; motion unanimously carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of Increase Bar Fund 27101 REC Operational to cover all expenses for 23-24; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL OF INCREASE  
BAR FUND 25153**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of Increase Bar Fund 25153 Medicaid to cover all expenses for 23-24; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL OF DECREASE  
BAR FUND 24109**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of Decrease Bar Fund 24109 Preschool to align with the 23-24 allocation; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL TO MOVE  
AHEAD TO ALLOW  
LOVINGTON TO JOIN REC7  
AT A REDUCED RATE**

Motion by Mr. Strickland for approval for April Williams to move ahead with steps to get PED approval for Lovington to join REC7 at a reduced rate due to the reduced services that will be provided; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL FOR APRIL  
WILLIAMS TO REPRESENT  
REC7 DISTRICTS AT AREA  
JOB FAIRS**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval for April Williams to represent REC7 districts at regional job fairs with the represented districts sharing the cost; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL FOR REC7 TO  
REQUEST BIDS FOR 23-24  
AUDIT**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval for REC7 to request bids for the 23-24 audit; motion unanimously carried.

**INFORMATION:**

**Executive Director Discussion:**

1. Medicaid Information for March 2024.
2. DASH Plans-Internal Evaluators with Every District-Districts were notified in January that an internal DASH reviewer would need to be assigned beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. That candidate would need to be certified in order to begin reviewing next year.
3. Stakeholder's meetings (5 quadrants)-During the week of Spring Budget a meeting with Dr. Cage was scheduled in order to discuss SDAA contracts and scope of work amongst the RECs. While traveling to Albuquerque the directors were notified that morning that the OSE cancelled the meeting. The notification was provided in an email. Since that time, we have reached out through email in attempts to reschedule the meeting. We have received information from the OSE regarding the state being divided into 5 quadrants with stake holders meetings planned for each region. Our meeting has been scheduled for May 14, 2024 in Ruidoso which I plan to attend.

4. Lovington Membership-In research of the process regarding membership in the REC7 the following has been determined. A proposal was presented to the Lovington School Board on April 9, 2024 to which the board approved the proposal presented by the Executive Director and board of REC7. The Lovington Board will need to approve the minutes at the next board meeting in May. The board of REC7 will approve membership proposal. A membership request will be sent to the Secretary of Education regarding application of Lovington membership consideration. A resolution will be sent supporting the membership in the Regional Education Cooperative VII for Lovington.
5. Job Fair Proposal Recruitment-Short power point presentation-A proposal to attend job fairs at universities in surrounding areas is recommended in order to provide a platform for member districts belonging to the REC7 beginning in Spring of 2025. The Executive Director will attend the job fair and provide factual sheets and SWAG regarding participating districts. In addition, personal testimony will be provided as the director has had opportunities of working in the member districts and first-hand knowledge of the people and resources, especially in the area of special education. There is a small fee to have a booth in the job fairs in which the REC7 will pay and split the cost accordingly among the participating districts. This will provide awareness of the districts and opportunities outlined in Southeast New Mexico.

**Upcoming Trainings/Events**

- A. NMRECA Directors Meeting, April 15, 2024 Portales
- B. Choose Resilience Conference April 15-16, 2024 Tamaya Resort
- C. Lea County Transition Meeting April 24, 2024 1:00 pm
- D. LRP Conference-Legal Issues of Education Individuals with Disabilities May 5-8, 2024 Savannah, Georgia
- E. Legal Counsel Call May 13, 2024 8:00 am
- F. Secretary Call-May 16, 2024 9:00 am
- G. Next Meeting Scheduled for May 09, 2024

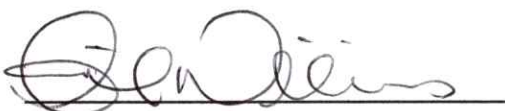
**Additional Informational Items:**

As mentioned in previous meeting, Bobbie Gutierrez will be retiring as the Executive Director of RECs. We have posted the position on the RECA website as well as local websites.

Reminder to get with historians in your district in order to provide the REC with pictures of buildings past and present.

Before the next board meeting, I am having a representative come and share updates to Edgenuity. She will begin at 9:30. Please mark your calendars and inform those in your district with interest. They can attend through ZOOM. Our meeting will start at 10:00 and then the Maddox group will be here at 11:00.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the Regular Board Meeting of 04/11/2024 was adjourned at 10:45 a.m., motioned by Mr. Haynes; motion unanimously carried.



**April Williams**

**REC VII Executive Director**



**Brian Snider**

**REC VII Board President**