



## 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 August 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Snider, President-absent  
Gene Strickland, Vice President  
Greg Slover, Secretary  
Dwain Haynes, Member  
Cliff Burch, Executive Director/REC VII  
Pat Jaco, Director of Finance/REC VII

Guests: Dusty Loftess-Proxy Jal Public Schools

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

### AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of Consideration of Agenda (08/10/2023); motion unanimously carried.

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Motion by Mr. Haynes to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting (06/08/2023); motion unanimously carried.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Mr. Slover for approval of Entitlement, Preschool, Title II, Medicaid, REC Operational, Pre-K, and State Directed Activities (July 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

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**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL OF CONTRACT  
APRIL WILLIAMS**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of contract for Executive Director April Williams for 7/1/2023-6/30/2024; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
BLANKET APPROVAL FOR  
MAINTENANCE AND  
TRANSFER BARS**

Motion by Mr. Loftess for blanket approval of Maintenance (same fund & function) and Transfer (same fund different functions) Bars for all funds for 2023-2024 school year; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
REC7 23-24 BUDGET 24115**

Motion by Mr. Loftess for approval of REC7 23-24 Budget 24115 Private School; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL OF REC7 23-24  
BUDGET 24346**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of REC7 23-24 Budget 24346 SPED ARP; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL OF REC7 23-24  
BUDGET 24349**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of REC7 23-24 Budget 24349 Preschool ARP; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL OF CHANGES  
FOR REC7 BUDGET**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of Changes to REC7 23-24 Budget to align with PED Allocations-Funds 24106, 24109, 24154, and 27149; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT  
TO 23-24 3-WAY  
AGREEMENTS**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of Amendment to 23-24 3-Way Agreements to reflect current allocations; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
REMOVAL OF CURENT  
REC7 CAR FROM INVENTORY**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of removal of current REC7 car from inventory; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL OF THE  
PURCHASE OF A NEW REC7  
AUTOMOBILE**

Motion#1 by Mr. Slover for approval to amend original motion from "a 2023 Chevy Traverse" to "up to \$40,000.00"; motion unanimously carried.  
Motion #2 by Mr. Slover for approval of the purchase of a new REC7 automobile up to \$40,000.00; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL TO INCREASE  
HOTEL ALLOWANCE FOR  
TRAININGS AND MEETINGS**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval to stay at the conference/training hotel or closest available accommodations, even if above the state allowed \$215.00 per night; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT  
WITH VECTOR SOLUTIONS**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of agreement with Vector Solutions, previously Safe Schools; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL OF CHANGING  
SEPTEMBER 2023 BOARD  
MEETING**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of changing September 14, 2023 Board Meeting due to a conflict with NMASBO fall conference; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL OF CHANGING  
SIGNATURES**

Motion by Mr. Loftess for approval to change Cliff Burch's signature to April Williams' signature on all documents (i.e.; bank, checks credit cards, etc.); motion unanimously carried.

**INFORMATION:**

**Executive Director Discussion:**

1. Medicaid Information for June and July 2023.
2. Tech Initiative Update-This is regarding the Technology Grant in which the REC participates in several areas, including Academic Competition. I had the opportunity to attend the June board meeting in Hobbs where the students were recognized for winning state. I spoke with Bryan Dooley with REC9 last night and MOUs will be out next week; however, there will be a significant decrease in the amount of funds provided, as compared to last year.
3. NM PreK Waterford-Dymorie Maker and I attended the ECECD PreK Administration in Las Cruces and it was reported that the cost of Waterford would no longer be provided for LEAs. However, on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 we received news that the ECECD will now be covering the cost of Waterford for the 2023-2024 school year.
4. Resignation Deborah Dominguez-Clark-Deborah Dominguez-Clark resigned this summer. Miguel Lozano is acting as interim. He recently interacted with Pat regarding ARP funds and IDEA B carryover for our districts and how those funds can be spent and the deadline, which is September 30, 2023.
5. Assessment Program Memorandum-ECOT (Early Childhood Administration Tool) administration for kindergartners is no longer required; however, Istation's Mathematics Administration has been added to the ISIP early reading benchmark for all students in grades K-2. Both assessments are available in K-2 math requirement, flexibility will be granted for the beginning of the year math administration. Contact for questions, Lynn Vasquez, Division Director of Assessment and Learning Management Systems with PED.
6. REC7 Audit Week of August 28, 2023-The current auditor is Brent Woodard out of Clovis.
7. NMCEL-I attended NMCEL this summer, which was a positive experience. I was able to meet the other REC Directors and also attend SPED Legal Updates while in attendance.
8. New I-9 Form for Employment Eligibility Verification-Used by school districts to verify the identity and employment authorization of employees. Can be used now, but must be used by November 1, 2023.
9. Dwain Haynes requested a certified reviewer for DASH and recommended implementation of such, specifically for smaller schools. In addition, he explained that the staff would work through REC7. He named Denise Woody as a possibility.

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Upcoming Trainings/Events

- A. Secretary Call-August 17, 2023 9:00 a.m.
- B. AI and Education Conference September 7, 2023-Albuquerque-email
- C. SPED Law Conference September 12-13, 2023-Remote
- D. NMASBO Fall Conference September 13-15, 2023
- E. REC7 Closed September 4, 2023 for Labor Day
- F. TAP Trainings-September 2023-in folder
- G. Next Meeting Scheduled for September 21, 2023 (unless changed)

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the Regular Board Meeting of 08/10/2023 was adjourned at 11:20 a.m., motioned by Mr. Loftess; motion unanimously carried.



**April Williams**

**REC VII Executive Director**



**Brian Snider**

**REC VII Board President**