

President - Valerie Brea, SWREC

President-Elect, Valerie Trujillo, NWREC

Past President - Kelley Alsup, PVREC

Association Director - Bobbie Gutierrez,

NMRECA Bi-Weekly Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

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Meeting ID: 881 1057 7560 Passcode: 061010

9:00 AM Welcome

Facilitator: Val Brea & Bobbie Gutierrez

Attendance/Notes:

Present: Val Brea, Valerie Trujillo, Kelley Alsup, David Bowman, Steve Aguirre, Juan Portley, Maria Jaramillo, Damon Terry, Candice Barrera, Bryan Dooley, Dahn Freed, Bobbie Gutierrez

The group discussed Bryan's staycation, Maria's computer troubles, and Bobbie's weekend in Wagon Mound at the Bean Day Festival.

Steve provided an update on the Special Education Law Conference scheduled for October 22 and 23 at the Albuquerque Sheraton Uptown. Bobbie will reach out to a couple of vendors about sponsoring Refreshment Stations.

9:10-9:20 AM: Literacy Center, Call for Partners (attached)

Participants: All – Is this something the RECs might want to pursue? Thoughts?

Notes: Several of our REC Directors expressed interest in exploring the possibility of completing the RFI as partners for Regional Outreach. Bobbie, Maria, David, Bryan, and Steve will meet on Friday afternoon to discuss the RFI. Candice is also interested but cannot meet on Friday afternoon. Bobbie will send the link for the 1:00 pm meeting on Friday.

0 9:20-9:40 AM | NMRECA Day at the Legislature

Facilitator: Bobbie/Discussion All

- Date: February 5; February 12, February 10
- Do we include NMCEL? NO
- Do we want to pursue a Memorial? Not discussed
- Press Conference? YES

© 9:40-10:00 AM

- Update OSE (Val and Bobbie wrote to Randy after last meeting on 8/19, asking for an update on SLA after last meeting; no response. Bobbie wrote to Randy on August 27, asking for an update to the email they sent on August 19. No response.
 - --Jill Vice and Ria copied on communications. Any advice for next steps?
- Jill Vice never responded to our Welcome Letter, but she plans to attend the Retreat on 10/2, according to Leticia Esparza, and I saw Ria at the Martinez-Yazzie gathering on 8/20 in ABQ, and she confirmed they would attend.

Bobbie and Val will reach out to Ria Gill via email and ask for an update in writing. Bobbie will also call Ria.

0 10:00-10:10 AM | Innovative Staffing IGA Presentation

Presenter: Candice Flynn

Notes: REC 5 and 10 expressed interests after the meeting; REC 4 called Candice for additional information. Is anyone else interested before I let her know of the REC interest? *Bobbie will submit this information to Candice Flynn*.

YSHI Grant: Bobbie will let Simone know that REC 10 and REC 4 are interested.

Tetreat Agenda Items: 10:10-10:15 AM

Presenter: Bobbie

Notes: Not discussed

10:15-10:30 AM | Jessica Dinsmore

Tentative- Jessica will reschedule for October.

10:30-10:45 AM | Susan Acosta (DOH)

Tentative

Waiting for a response

ERB Issues with Contractor vs. Employee

There is a new legal counsel at ERB who is insisting that many contracted positions MUST be employee positions. It seems they have targeted RTW employees and ancillary staff. This has had a significant impact on CES and some of our RECs.

Bryan has had a few meetings with ERB and attended a meeting with Stan Rounds and David Chavez. The attorney is beyond any voice of reason in understanding why this is particularly important for staffing and providing services to students, especially in special education.

This has the potential to affect Bobbie's position possibly. She will conduct research and make inquiries.

Elena Gallegos seems to think that only the Legislature will be able to solve this problem with ERB.