



Four Corners Regional Education Cooperative #1

*Aztec Municipal Schools – Bloomfield Public Schools—Central Consolidated Schools—Farmington
Municipal Schools—Gallup-McKinley County Schools—Zuni Public Schools—San Juan College*

MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2025

1:30 PM

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Meeting was held in-person and via Zoom and was called to order at 1:37 pm.
- II. Roll Call and determination of Quorum – Quorum was determined as follows:

Present:
Cody Diehl – Farmington Municipal Schools (Zoom)
Lauren Laws – Aztec Municipal Schools
Steve Carlson – Central Consolidated School District
Dr. Toni Hopper Pendergrass – San Juan College

Absent:
Lynda Spencer – Bloomfield Schools
Dr. Randy Stickney – Zuni Pueblo Schools
Mike Hyatt – Gallup McKinley County Schools

Also in Attendance:
David Bowman – Director REC-1
Laverne Brown – Bloomfield Schools / Finance Director REC-1
Evelyn Garcia – Aztec Municipal Schools
- III. Action: Approval of Meeting Agenda – The meeting agenda was presented and reviewed. Mr. Bowman noted that item IV.c. Action: Approval of IGA for Special Education Funds could be stricken. Dr. Pendergrass moved to approve the meeting agenda with the deletion of IV.c., and Mrs. Laws seconded. The motion passed to approve the meeting agenda with the deletion of item IV.c.
- IV. Discussion, Updates, and Actions
 - a. Discussion: OST Award for REC-1 / Aztec Municipal Schools – Mr. Bowman recalled the discussion held during the August meeting regarding the OST award to Aztec. The Out of School Time award was granted for Aztec; however, with the departing Executive Director, the grant director may not be able to transfer. Mrs. Brown noted that the BAR has been entered by Bloomfield and is in the third approval stage. The majority of the budget was placed into salaries, with the remainder into general supplies. She feels that the funding should remain with Bloomfield Schools, with Aztec being able to hire whom they want. Aztec would then send expenditures to the REC for

processing. Mr. Bowman responded that it will be a standard reimbursement process.

- b. Action: Approval of Contract with ATA for CLIA Services – Mr. Bowman noted that, with a new REC Director, looking at contracting with ATA, which holds government contracts. The project director was a little concerned with a new director coming on board and the possibility of an interruption in services. The new director would have to apply to be the laboratory director position on the waiver.

The REC holds the waiver for on-site services for the thirteen participating schools. The REC is responsible for ensuring that all requirements are met by providing regular visits. The initial award was four years ago, and the Department of Health reached out to continue funding after the first year. Mr. Bowman also mentioned that the DOH representative stated that no site has been out of compliance since the REC began services. Dr. Pendergrass stated that she would rather not vote today, but wait until the new REC Director is hired. Ms. Laws agreed and indicated that it would be considered at an upcoming meeting. The motion passed to table the approval of the contract with ATA.

- c. Action: Approval of IGA for Special Education Funds – Stricken
- d. Discussion: Transfer of Fiscal Operations to Aztec Municipal Schools – Mr. Bowman mentioned the Board's discussion to move the fiscal operations of the REC to Aztec Municipal Schools. Dr. Pendergrass noted that with the administration being new in Bloomfield, it may be easier to move operations, and one less thing for Bloomfield to worry about. Mrs. Brown acknowledged that moving it mid-year would not be advisable and that the historical data would be lost.

Dr. Pendergrass mentioned that Farmington is completing some hiring and payments, and Bloomfield is managing the fiscal portion. It would be good to have it housed in one location. Mrs. Garcia responded with the fact that whenever it is moved, it is not going to be an easy process. However, with both Aztec and Bloomfield using Visions, the historical data can be shared, just not electronically.

- V. Action: Convene to Executive Session to Discuss New REC-1 Applicants – Dr. Pendergrass moved to convene into closed session, and Mrs. Laws seconded. The motion passed to convene to closed session at 2:12 pm.
- VI. Action: Reconvene to Open Session – Dr. Pendergrass moved to reconvene to open session, and Mrs. Laws seconded. The motion passed to reconvene to open session at 2:25 pm.

VII. Discussion, Updates, and Actions

- a. Action: Approval of Employment and Contract for New REC-1 Director – Mr. Carlson noted that they would keep the name of the selected candidate quiet until acceptance. Mr. Diehl moved to approve the selected candidate, and Dr. Pendergrass seconded. The motion passed to approve the selected candidate.

VIII. Next Board Meeting: November 13, 2025, at 10:00 am to be held at the REC Office. There will be a need for an Ad Hoc meeting in the first week of October.

- IX. Action: Approval to Adjourn – Dr. Pendergrass made a motion to adjourn the current meeting, and Mrs. Laws seconded. The motion passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 pm.



Board Member Signature

president

Title

11/12/2025

Date Approved