



## 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

October 28, 2025

9:00 AM

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Meeting was held in-person and via Zoom and was called to order at 9:04 am.
- II. Roll Call and determination of Quorum – Quorum was determined as follows:

#### Present:

Cody Diehl – Farmington Municipal Schools (Zoom)  
Lynda Spencer – Bloomfield Schools  
Dr. Randy Stickney – Zuni Pueblo Schools (Zoom)  
Steve Carlson – Central Consolidated School District  
Dr. Toni Hopper Pendergrass – San Juan College (Zoom)

#### Absent:

Lauren Laws – Aztec Municipal Schools  
Mike Hyatt – Gallup McKinley County Schools

#### Also in Attendance:

Dr. Leandro Venturina – Director REC-1  
Laverne Brown – Bloomfield Schools / Finance Director REC-1

- III. Action: Approval of Meeting Agenda – The meeting agenda was presented and reviewed. Mrs. Spencer moved to approve the meeting agenda, and Dr. Pendergrass seconded. The motion passed to approve the meeting agenda.
- IV. Discussion, Updates, and Actions
  - a. Action: Approval of Cellphone Services – Dr. Venturina noted the reason for needing cellphone services, including the two-factor authentication required by most systems. Verizon offers two lines, one for the director and one for the office. This will be instead of a land line and will be posted on the website and government service agreements. Mr. Diehl moved to approve the cellphone service, and Dr. Stickney seconded. The motion passed to approve the cellphone service.
  - b. Action: Approval of Email System Migration and Deployment of Security/Filtering – Dr. Venturina mentioned the current email system is First-Class-based and is antiquated and outdated. With wanting more options, storage, and ease of operation, Gmail work spaces is preferred. With only ten

users, the move will be easy. Gmail is also a CDWG business option; a quote has been requested.

- c. Discussion: EEDW/ECHS Coordinator Position – Dr. Venturina reminded the board of the approval for contract services with Eric Arpelar. However, there has been no follow-up contact with Mr. Arpelar and no services rendered to date. The position was posted and has since been removed. Interviews will take place soon. Looking to fill the position with someone local who has experience with early college high schools. Contact has been made with partnering districts to expend their allotted funds, with a 50% deadline of December 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Discussion: CLIA Waiver Services Status and Certificate Updated – Dr. Venturina noted that the CLIA services are new to him, but he has familiarized himself with them over the last few weeks. The goal is to encourage local districts to partner with the REC's CLIA waiver. It would also be a good idea to see about initiating clinics. Dr. Venturina also mentioned the previous discussion of having a third party complete the remainder of the project, but the change of laboratory director has already been initiated. Also planning on attending the provided training.
  - e. Discussion: Building / Office Lease – Dr. Venturina discussed the building lease being up in December. Strongly recommend keeping the building for now and make a recommendation next December. Mr. Carlson mentioned that he liked having the REC not be housed at any of the districts, as it feels like the services are available for every district. Mr. Diehl agreed, but wished the REC were able to sustain itself. Dr. Pendergrass inquired about the cost per square foot.
  - f. Discussion: Future Projects – Dr. Venturina noted that he had no future projects to date. Wanting to meet with all members to get needs established and have them tie into the vision and mission. Dr. Venturina asked if there were any current needs to be addressed. Mr. Diehl stated that he had a suggestion that he would talk about in their meeting. The idea is to have a centralized therapeutic behavior academy, combining resources to support parents, students, and staff.
- V. Superintendent Discussions Regarding REC-Specific Topics – Mr. Carlson made mention of transparency between the director and districts. Asked Dr. Venturina to take the time to figure out what districts' needs are versus the remainder of the state.
- VI. Next Board Meeting: November 12, 2025, at 10:00 am to be held at the REC Office. The meeting should be held on Wednesdays and be offered as in-person

and via online for better participation.

- VII. Action: Approval to Adjourn – Mr. Diehl made a motion to adjourn the current meeting, and Dr. Pendergrass seconded. The motion passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 am.



Board Member Signature

president

Title

11/12/2025

Date Approved