

San Luis Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services
Board of Directors Meeting – September 22, 2021 Minutes
Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order

Ms. Tina Freel called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken & the following members were present:

Ms. April Gonzales, Alamosa
Mr. Cory Off, Upper Rio Grande
Mr. Dwight Mondragon, Centennial
Ms. Misty Palacios, Center
Ms. Tina Freel, Moffat
Mr. Kurt Holland, Monte Vista
Mr. David Smalley, Mountain Valley
Ms. Gina Mitchell, Sargent
Ms. Stacey Eskew, Sangre de Cristo
Ms. Theresa Sisneros, South Conejos

The following members were not present:

Mr. Brandon Thomas, North Conejos
Mr. Austin Miller, Sanford
Mr. Walter Roybal, Sierra Grande
Ms. Jennifer Harbert, Creede

SLV BOCES Staff & Guests:

Mr. Scott Weideman, SLV SAC President
Dr. Jacque Phillips, SLV BOCES Executive Director
Ms. Stacey Holland, SLV BOCES SPED Director
Ms. Staci Turner, SLV BOCES Business Manager
Ms. Adeline Duarte-Lee, SLV BOCES Medicaid Coordinator/Admin Assistant
Ms. Cindy Squires, SLV BOCES HR/Payroll
Ms. Karla Stockley, SLV BOCES School Psychologist
Dr. Denise Haws, SLV BOCES School Psychologist
Ms. Stevie Schuster, SLV BOCES ES Teacher
Ms. Jewanah Talam, SLV BOCES Speech Therapist
Ms. Kristy Patigdas, SLV BOCES Speech Therapist
Ms. Nastasha Carizal, SLV BOCES Speech Therapist
Ms. Michelle Sisneros, SLV BOCES ES Teacher
Ms. Angela Hintz, SLV BOCES Audiologist
Ms. Lori Smith, Alamosa Elementary Principal
Ms. Melissa Busolo, SLV BOCES RLI Coordinator
6 other guests with only first name

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda for September 22, 2021, was made by Ms. Theresa Sisneros, seconded by Mr. Cory Off.

A motion to amend the agenda to add public comments was made by Ms. Theresa Sisneros not seconded. Motion died.

A motion to approve the agenda as previously presented, was made by Ms. Stacey Eskew and Seconded by Ms. Gina Mitchell.

The votes were cast by roll call as follows:

Ms. April Gonzales, Alamosa - Aye
Mr. Dwight Mondragon, Centennial – Aye
Ms. Misty Palacios, Center – Absent
Ms. Jennifer Harbert, Creede- Absent
Mr. Cory Off, Upper Rio Grande - Aye
Ms. Tina Freel, Moffat - Aye
Mr. Kurt Holland, Monte Vista - Aye

Mr. David Smalley, Mountain Valley - Absent
Mr. Brandon Thomas, North Conejos - Absent
Mr. Austin Miller, Sanford - Absent
Ms. Stacey Eskew, Sangre de Cristo – Aye
Ms. Gina Mitchell, Sargent - Aye
Mr. Walter Roybal, Sierra Grande - Absent
Ms. Theresa Sisneros, South Conejos - Aye

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. Discussion/Action Items

A motion to the termination of LJ Garcia from his position of Assistant Special Education Director, such termination to be effective November 30, 2021, was made by Ms. Stacey Eskew and seconded by Mr. Cory Off.

Discussion/question from board members:

Ms. April Gonzales asked Dr. Jacque Phillips what steps she has gone through; Dr. Phillips stated she has spoken several times with SLV BOCES HR/Payroll and SLV BOCES legal counsel.

Mr. David Smalley; asked for more details for dismissal and why executive session was not used. Ms. Tina Freel stated that personal issues cannot be discussed in open session. She also stated in past dismissals the board has gone off the recommendation of the executive director. Ms. Freel stated if board members have questions regarding dismissal details they can reach out to Dr. Jacque Phillips; Executive Director. Ms. Gonzales also stated her concern with paying Mr. Garcia through November 30, 2021.

Mr. David Smalley and Ms. Misty Palacios signed off Zoom at 6:19pm.

The votes were cast by roll call as follows:

Ms. April Gonzales, Alamosa - Nye	Mr. David Smalley, Mountain Valley - Absent
Mr. Dwight Mondragon, Centennial – Nye	Mr. Brandon Thomas, North Conejos - Absent
Ms. Misty Palacios, Center – Absent	Mr. Austin Miller, Sanford - Absent
Ms. Jennifer Harbert, Creede- Absent	Ms. Stacey Eskew, Sangre de Cristo – Aye
Mr. Cory Off, Upper Rio Grande - Aye	Ms. Gina Mitchell, Sargent - Aye
Ms. Tina Freel, Moffat - Aye	Mr. Walter Roybal, Sierra Grande - Absent
Mr. Kurt Holland, Monte Vista - Aye	Ms. Theresa Sisneros, South Conejos - Aye

The motion to terminate LJ Garcia from his position of Assistant Special Education Director, such termination to be effective November 30, 2021 was approved.

A motion to approve Discussion/Action Items b and c, was made by Ms. Stacey Eskew, seconded by Mr. Cory Off. (b. Approval to remove Lloyd John (LJ) Garcia’s Signature from the no interest, money market & petty cash accounts at Alamosa State Bank beginning 09/16/21. c. Approval to cancel Lloyd John (LJ) Garcia’s Alamosa State Bank’s credit card.)

The votes were cast by roll call as follows:

Ms. April Gonzales, Alamosa - Aye	Mr. David Smalley, Mountain Valley - Absent
Mr. Dwight Mondragon, Centennial – Aye	Mr. Brandon Thomas, North Conejos - Absent
Ms. Misty Palacios, Center – Absent	Mr. Austin Miller, Sanford - Absent
Ms. Jennifer Harbert, Creede- Absent	Ms. Stacey Eskew, Sangre de Cristo – Aye
Mr. Cory Off, Upper Rio Grande - Aye	Ms. Gina Mitchell, Sargent - Aye
Ms. Tina Freel, Moffat - Aye	Mr. Walter Roybal, Sierra Grande - Absent
Mr. Kurt Holland, Monte Vista - Aye	Ms. Theresa Sisneros, South Conejos - Aye

The motion to approve Discussion/Action Items b and c was approved as presented.

5. Next Meeting – November 17, 2021

6. Adjournment 6:25pm

Respectfully Submitted By:

Adeline Duarte-Lee, Recording Secretary

Date

Tina Freel, President

Date

Cory Off, Secretary

Date