



**Mid-Region Council of Governments
Board of Directors
Thursday, January 15, 2026
10:30 a.m.**

809 Copper Avenue NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Zoom Link Below

Greggory Hull, Chair

Ron Brown, Vice Chair

AGENDA

Call to Order

The presence of a quorum will be noted

Tab 1 **Approval of Agenda for January 15, 2026**

Tab 2 **Approval of Action Summary of June 12, 2025**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tab 3 **Public Comments**

Anyone who wishes to address the Board must register with the Secretary of the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

Tab 4 **Approval of 2026 MRCOG Board of Directors/Executive Board Meeting Schedule**

Tab 5 **Approval of 2026 Legislative Priorities**

Tab 6 **Nomination of Board Vice Chair**

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS

Tab 7 **Executive Director's Report**

Tab 8 **Board Comments**

Adjournment (A motion to adjourn is not necessary)

**Next Scheduled Full Board Meeting:
April 9, 2026, 10:30 a.m.**

Anyone requiring special accommodations, please notify the MRCOG office at 247-1750 seven days prior to the meeting.

Zoom link below

When: Jan 15, 2026 10:30 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)
Topic: MRCOG Full Board Meeting

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Action Summary

Mid-Region Council of Governments
Board of Directors (Virtual Meeting)
Thursday, June 12, 2025
10:30 a.m.
809 Copper Ave. NW
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

Greggory Hull, Chair

Ron Brown, Vice-Chair

ORGANIZATION	PRESENT	MEMBER	PRESENT	ALTERNATE
Sandoval County {2}	X X	*Joshua Jones , Commissioner Katherine Bruch , Commissioner		Wayne Johnson
Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque {2}	X	* Lawrence Rael , Mayor Vacant		
City of Albuquerque (Administration) {1}	X	*Matt Whelan		Patrick Montoya
City of Albuquerque (City Council) {6}	X X X X	Tammy Fiebelkorn , Councilor Joaquin Baca , Councilor *Dan Lewis , Councilor Klarissa Peña , Councilor Louis Sanchez , Councilor Dan Champine , Councilor	X X	Nathan Molina Giselle Alvarez Tom Menicucci Rachael Hernandez
AMAFCA {1}	X	Ron Brown		Other board members Tim Eichenberg
Albuquerque Public Schools {1}		Josefina Dominguez	X	Rachel Hertzman Janelle Astorga
City of Belen {2}		Roseann Peralta , City Mgr		Steven Tomita
Town of Bernalillo {2}	X	Jack Torres , Mayor Vacant		Ida Fierro
Bernalillo County {3}	X	*Barbara Baca , Commissioner Eric Olivas , Commissioner Vacant , Commissioner	X	Elias Archuleta Margarita Archibeque
Village of Bosque Farms {2}		*, Mayor Vacant		Erica
Village of Corrales {2}	X	* Mel Knight , Councilor Zachary Burkett		Vacant
Village of Cuba {2}		Denny Herrera , Mayor Vandora Casados , Clerk/Trustee		Vacant
Town of Edgewood {2}		Vacant		
Village of Encino {2}		Vacant Vacant		Loretta Chavez
Town of Estancia (2)	X	Amy May		
Village of Jemez Springs (2)		Vacant Vacant		Vacant
Pueblo of Laguna (1)		Vacant		Vacant

ORGANIZATION	PRESENT	MEMBER	PRESENT	ALTERNATE
Village of Los Lunas {2}		Charles Griego , Mayor Erin Callahan , Dir. Community Development		Gregory D. Martin
Los Lunas Public Schools {1}		Ron Williams , Assistant Superintendent Operations		Clair Cieremans
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District {1}	X	Stephanie Russo Baca		Karen Dunning
City of Moriarty {2}		*M. Steven Anaya Vacant , Mayor		Linda Fischer
Town of Mountainair {2}		Vacant Vacant		Vacant
Village of Peralta		Leon Otero		Vacant
City of Rio Rancho {2}	X X	*Greggory D. Hull , Mayor Robert Tyler , Councilor		Matthew B. Geisel
City of Rio Communities	X	Lawrence Gordon , Councilor		
Rio Rancho Public Schools		Vacant		Vacant
Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority {1}	X	*Cassandra D'Antonio , Board Member		Ron Abramshe
Village of Tijeras {2}		*Nicholas Kennedy , Mayor Michael Limon , Councilor		
Torrance County {2}		*Vacant		
Valencia County {2}		Morris Sparkman , Commissioner Gerard Saiz , Commissioner		Vacant
Village of Willard {2}	X	David Dean , Mayor Emily Sanchez , Clerk		Vacant

*** Executive Board**

NON-VOTING ADVISORY MEMBER				
ORGANIZATION	PRESENT	MEMBER	PRESENT	ALTERNATE
Kirtland Air Force Base		Vacant		
Federal Highway Administration		Cindy Vigue , Division Administrator		
NM Dept. of Transportation		Michael Sandoval , Secretary		
NM Dept. of Transportation		Justin Gibson District 3 Engineer		
Pueblo of Santa Ana		Governor		
MRCOG STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT				
Dewey Cave, Marla Montiel, Augusta Meyers, Bianca Borg				

	<p>The current members of the Property Disposition Committee (Greggory Hull, Ron Brown, Barbara Baca and Steven Anaya) have volunteered to serve another term.</p> <p><u>Action Taken:</u></p> <p>Commissioner Baca made a motion to:</p> <p>APPROVE R-25-02 MRCOG AS PRESENTED</p> <p>The motion was seconded by Zachary Burkett, Village of Corrales, and passed unanimously with none opposed.</p>
Tab 6 R-25-04 MRCOG	<p>Approval of Open Meetings Resolution</p> <p>Director Cave explained that approval of the Open Meetings Act resolution is required for the MRCOG to remain in compliance with statutory regulations and is approved yearly.</p> <p><u>Action Taken:</u></p> <p>Councilor Fiebelkorn made a motion to:</p> <p>APPROVE R-25-04 MRCOG AS PRESENTED</p> <p>The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baca and passed unanimously with none opposed.</p>
Tab 7	<p>Election of Officers FY 2026</p> <p>Mr. Cave noted that officers can serve two terms and that the current officers are eligible for a second term.</p>
DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS	
Tab 6	<p>Economic Development Report</p> <p>Augusta Myers, MRCOG Communications Manager, presented the report on economic development in the Albuquerque area. The report is available upon request.</p>
Tab 7	<p>Executive Director's Report</p> <p>Dewey Cave presented the Director's report noting that all three audits, MRCOG, RMRTD and WCCNM received an unqualified opinion for the 14th year. He thanked the financial staff for their work.</p> <p>Mr. Cave also noted changes made in elected officials who serve on our boards and committees and thanked them for their work.</p>
Tab 8	<p>Board Comments</p> <p>There were no comments from Board Members.</p>

	Adjournment
	The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Greggory Hull, Chair
MRCOG Board of Directors

Attest:

Dewey V. Cave, Executive Director
MRCOG



MID-REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS/EXECUTIVE BOARD 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE (2nd Thursday of each month)

January 15	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Executive Board Full Board
February 12	10:00 a.m.	Executive Board
March 12	10:00 a.m.	Executive Board
April 9	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Executive Board Full Board
May 14	10:00 a.m.	Executive Board
June 11	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Executive Board Full Board
July 9	10:00 a.m.	Executive Board
August 13	10:00 a.m.	Executive Board
September (TBA)	Annual Event (The annual event usually takes place around this time. You will be notified in August.)	
October 8	10:00 a.m.	Executive Board
November 12	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Executive Board Full Board
December 10	10:00 a.m.	Executive Board

Meeting dates are subject to change or cancellation. Note: The Full Board meets quarterly.

You will always receive either a cancellation notice via e-mail or an agenda packet for the meeting.

Please call Barbara Thomas at 724-3616 with questions or for further information.



MRCOG 2026 Legislative Priorities:

Capital Outlay

- Support capital outlay requests of member governments
- Monitor legislation that proposes changes to the administration and awarding of capital outlay funding

Transportation

- Support funding request from the Rio Metro Regional Transit District for construction, operational costs and capital projects
- Support the New Mexico Rail Runner Express program and advocate for improvement of transit services
- Support the Statewide Development of New Mexico Complete Streets Policies
- Support legislation to improve transportation safety including programs that promote a Safe Systems Approach to Transportation which prioritizes safety first in road system investment decisions; support for Vision Zero Programs to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries.
- Promote equitable access to transportation investment by supporting tribal entities, rural areas traditionally underserved communities (low income / high minority), public schools, neighborhoods, educational institutions and communities in their efforts to access economic opportunities and transportation infrastructure.
- Support efforts to improve access to housing particularly efforts to connect housing to employment and align transportation investment with local housing patterns; improve housing affordability in proximity to transit corridors
- Support increased funding to the State Matching Grant Fund through the Department of Finance and Administration that provides a local match for federal infrastructure programs
- Support increased funding to the Transportation Project Fund (TPF) through the NM Department of Transportation (NMDOT) that provides funding for local transportation projects.

Economic Development

- Support entrepreneurship through accelerators, makerspaces, and incubators
- Support local business development initiatives
- Support funding for key infrastructure that improves economic development, especially transit-oriented and cargo-oriented economic development

Water Policy

- Support legislation to fund the creation and coordination of regional water plans under the 2023 Water Security Planning Act and implementation of the policies, projects and programs specified in the resultant plans.
- Support funding for the modernization of the Office of the State Engineer (OSE) and Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) information systems and business practices.
- Support increased state funding to the Water Trust Fund.

- Support funding for the New Mexico Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources (NMBGMR) aquifer mapping program
- Support statewide water conservation strategies
- Support forest and watershed restoration programs
- Monitor any legislation relating to water resources and impact on member governments
- Support creation of regional water utility authorities authorized by the Regional Water System Security Resiliency Act.
- Support increased state funding for the New Mexico Water Data Initiative (2019 Water Data Act) and the New Mexico Strategic Water Reserve.
- Support efforts to manage the demand for water from the Rio Grande to avoid a violation of the Rio Grande Compact.
- Monitor and report on legislation related to the repurpose, reuse and disposal of produced water.

Issues that Impact Local Government Authority & COGs

- Support legislation granting more authority to local government to set property tax mill rates.
- Monitor any legislation that impacts Local Revenues and Local Authority
- Monitor legislation on State tax policy and effects on local government including proposed legislation to eliminate credits, deductions and exemptions— how tax credits, deductions, and exemptions impact local revenue
- Protect local revenues
- Protect local funding sources
- Protect regulatory authority of member governments
- Support legislation that provides funding and authority for behavioral health services
- Support proposed changes to the Small Cities & Counties Assistance Fund
- Monitor legislation related to public safety and sentencing that may create unfunded mandates on local governments
- Support NewMARC efforts to increase the State Grant In Aid Local Planning Assistance program to provide additional operational funds to Council of Governments statewide
- Support additional state funding to provide grant research, writing and administration to local governments

Law Enforcement Reform

- Support legislation to provide funding and statutory support for mental health resources and crisis intervention teams
- Support legislation and funding to increase the availability of services for behavioral health and substance abuse
- Support legislation and funding efforts to provide an increased level of training for government employees to deal with individuals in behavioral health crisis
- Support legislation that changes the makeup and powers of the Law Enforcement Academy to enforcement authority and to enhance the ability of the LEA to track, discipline and make determinations regarding the continued certification of law enforcement officers with a history of disciplinary issues
- Support legislation that provides additional training and funding for public safety personnel in the areas of crisis intervention, dealing with individuals suffering from mental illness or substance abuse issues, dealing with individuals in behavioral health crisis
- Support legislation to improve public safety on public and school transportation systems

Miscellaneous

- Monitor legislation that proposes changes to the PERA and ERA retirement of public employees. Ensure that any proposed legislation has a minimal or manageable impact on member governments as employers
- Monitor changes to Inspection of Public Records Act and Open Meetings Act

NOMINATION OF A VICE CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Action Requested:

Approval of Vice-Chair for the Mid-Region Council of Governments Board of Directors for remainder of fiscal year 2026.

Background:

As called out in the Articles of Agreement of the Mid-Region Council of Governments, Article V, Number 2 “The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected annually at the June meeting of the Board of Directors. ... The Chairman and Vice Chairman may hold office for a maximum of two consecutive one-year terms.”

At its April 10, 2025 Executive Board meeting, members of the Executive Board nominated the members noted below to serve as officers for the following fiscal year. The Full Board of Directors approved the action at its June 12, 2025 Board meeting.

Chair: Gregory Hull, Mayor, City of Rio Rancho

Vice-Chair: Ronald Brown, Albuquerque Metropolitan Flood Control Authority

Vice-Chair Ronald Brown has retired from his position at the AMAFCA and therefore cannot continue to serve on the MRCOG Board.

Policy Ramifications:

Provides leadership for the MRCOG for one year.

