CEC SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 22, 2026
7717 Lockheed Drive, El Paso, Tx 79925
Michael Aboud, Chairman, Presiding

The Special Meeting to discuss the preliminary budget was convened at 7:04 PM by Michael Aboud, Chairman.

A prayer for guidance and the pledges were led by members of the CEC.

Roll Call and Certification of the Quorum

Secretary Holly Peterson conducted the roll call. The following members of the CEC were present, representing the following precincts: 8, 12, 15, 20, 22, 23, 25, 31, 53, 63, 91, 92, 119, 122, 134, 147, 172, 176, 177, 185, 199, 224, 225. Quorum was met with 23/51 precinct chairs present.

Approval of the Agenda

M. Benton (Precinct 53) moved to approve the agenda as presented. S. Armijo (Precinct 15) seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the agenda was approved. R. Davidson requested that in the future, the Agenda and other items sent out with the meeting documents match what is presented at the meetings.

2027 Budget / Operating Plan

The purpose of the special meeting was to consider and approve the proposed 2027 budget.

Following his remarks, the Chairman turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Chia Wollschlager.

The proposed budget slides were presented, followed by discussion and questions from various members. Responses to the questions were provided by the Chairman, Vice Chair, and Treasurer, Rick Gomez.

During the discussion, several members expressed the opinion that the document was more accurately characterized as an *Operating Plan* rather than a traditional budget. No objections were raised to changing the title.

Hans Sassenfeld (Precinct 122) moved to approve the proposed preliminary budget, with the amendment that the document be titled the **2027 Operating Plan**. N. Esquivel (Precinct 91) seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the 2027 Operating Plan was approved.

Adjournment

Nancy Esquivel (Precinct 91) moved to adjourn the meeting. Sam Armijo (Precinct 15) seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.