MINUTES OF THE CEC MEETING SEPTEMBER 23, 2026
CHAIRMAN, MICHAEL ABOUD, PRESIDING

The County Executive Committee (CEC) convened for its second regular session on September 23, 2026, at 7717 Lockheed Drive, Suite D, El Paso, TX 79925, at 6:05PM. Chairman M. Aboud presided over the proceedings, which began with solemn invocations and pledges led by various distinguished CEC members.

Chairman Aboud extended a cordial welcome to all members present. Party Secretary H. Peterson conducted a roll call confirming representatives from Precincts 6, 8, 12, 15, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 31, 53, 60, 76, 90, 91, 98, 105, 119, 124, 177, 185, 224, and 225, and confirmed a quorum was established, enabling the committee to proceed with its agenda. Chairman Aboud reiterated his sincere appreciation for the strong representation and active participation of the members.

During the meeting, special recognition was given to M. Harris for her invaluable contributions in orchestrating two highly successful community events: "Celebrate America 250" and the "Charlie Kirk Memorial." Furthermore, Chairman Aboud provided an update regarding potential forthcoming engagements, announcing that notable figures Ken Paxton and Brandon Herrera are considering visits to El Paso, though specific dates remain unconfirmed at this time.

To enhance the efficiency and governance of future sessions, Chairman Aboud and the Executive Board introduced a set of proposed standing rules, designed to provide clear procedural guidelines for the current meeting and all subsequent meetings. These were presented by our Vice Chair, C. Wollschlager.

1. All motions MUST be in writing. Forms are available at the sign-in table.
2. Written motions must be precisely what the stated motion was. The group votes on the exact language.
3. Please make sure your motion form is turned in to the Secretary immediately after stating the motion.
4. All debates will be limited to two (2) people for and two (2) people against a motion. Time limit shall be two (2) minutes per person.
5. No person shall speak more than once on an issue.
6. Do not speak unless called upon and then wait to be recognized by the Chair.

Recording Secretary M. Benton asked for an amendment to the rules, adding that all Precinct chairs stand, state their name and precinct number before speaking to enable the AI transcriber to determine the speaker.

A concern was raised that requiring motions to be in place prior to review of the final agenda was not feasible. Following discussion, it was decided final motions could be submitted after wording is finalized so that the exact wording could be included in the minutes.

A motion was made to certify the agenda, as it had been overlooked. The agenda presented at the meeting did not match the agenda sent out with the meeting call, due to last minute changes. The request was made for future agendas sent out prior to the meeting match the agenda during the meeting. A request was made to move the SEC report to an earlier position in the agenda. A. Telles, Precinct 8, made the motion to certify the agenda, with the changes. The motion was seconded by M. Benton, Precinct 53.

After the agenda was set, the Vice Chair's report continued with a list of Responsibilities of the Precinct Chair.

***Represent the Party in the Precinct**.
Serve as the local point of contact between the local Republican County Organization and the neighborhood voter.
***Recruit and Organize Volunteers**.
Build a precinct team, communicate with supporters, and coordinate canvassing, phone banking, meetings, and other activities.
***Encourage voter registration and turnout**.
Help Identify Republican voters, share voting information, and organize Get-Out-The-Vote efforts before and during elections.
***Support Republican candidates and Party activities**.
Distribute campaign information, promote party priorities, assist with events, and connect voters with candidates and local Party leadership.
***Participate in Party election processes**.
Attend county or precinct meetings, help conduct caucuses or conventions, recruit election workers or poll volunteers, and communicate local concerns to party leadership.

Vice Chair Wollschlager's report continued with a list of Republican Party Priorities which she shared.

*Immigration and border security
*Economic growth and lower prices
*Energy production and manufacturing
*Public safety and crime reduction
*National defense and "America First" foreign policy
*Protection of gun rights and religious liberty
*Limiting Federal government power
*Opposing governing mandates
*Leave most abortion policies to the states

Both lists were available at the Sign-In table for anyone who wished to take a copy.

Chairman Aboud continued the meeting with the approval of the minutes for July 18, 2026. Minutes were presented on the projector. **The minutes of the July 18, 2026, meeting were approved**. Chairman Aboud then presented the minutes of the **July 30 Special meeting. Those minutes were also approved**. A concern was raised that the minutes from the May 18, 2026 meeting had not been approved. The explanation given was that per the Parliamentarian, these minutes were from a different term and therefore, did not need to be approved.

Secretary, H. Peterson, presented her report which included 4 new candidates for precinct chair.
*Mack Fulton for Precinct 92 - present
*Jeffery Ross for Precinct 45 - absent
*Michael Surratt for Precinct 172 - absent
*Olga Hayes for Precinct 193 - absent
Mack was sworn in by the Chairman. The others will be sworn in when present.

The Vice Chair Report continued with a reminder that Precinct Chair training on the Abbott App continues, and a reminder for the Comedian Katie Hopkins Fundraiser scheduled, for October 16, 2026, at Epic Railyard.

SREC Meeting report was presented by video from Committee Woman R. Tyroch. A. Telles was unable to attend the SREC.

R. Gomez presented the Treasurer's Report. On the Operating Account, ending balance for August 2026 was $15,928.01, Rick gave a breakdown of activity.
*America 250 Celebration - Net proceeds = $2,602.96
*Special thanks to Cactus Rose raising $380 of that.
All reports are UpToDate and filed with no outstanding fines.
M. Benton (Precinct 53) moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. S. Richards (Precinct 60) seconded the motion. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report passed and the report was approved**.

Elections Committee Report was presented by G. Klokeid, Elections Administrator. It included current election dates, workers, midterm ballots. S. Richards (Precinct 60) added that B. Trout (Precinct 4) is running for Canutillo ISD Board. C. Cassady (Precinct 12) added that B. Barnes is also running for Canutillo ISD Board.

Office Manager Report was presented by G. Klokeid.

Old Business
J. Peinado, Executive Director, stood to speak about the progress on the CRM.

New Business
R. Cooper (Precinct 24) issued a Block Walk Challenge. She will be Block Walking October 3.
S. Richards will be Block Walking on September 26.

Announcements
*Honor Flight will be arriving home to El Paso Airport on Saturday, September 26.
*Socorro Veteran's Memorial will be hosting a blood drive, Thursday, October 10, from 9-3, 100200 Socorro Rd.
*Voter Registration ends Monday, October 5.

M. Benton (Precinct 53) moved to adjourn. N. Hernandez (Precinct 185) seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Benton, Recording Secretary

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