

EAST CENTRAL COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

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EAST CENTRAL COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 4, 2026

Call to Order

Chairman Dave Hornung called the March 4, 2026, Reorganizational Meeting of the ECCOG Board of Directors to order at 6:58 PM held at the Hub City Senior Center, 220 E Avenue in Limon, CO.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Dave Hornung led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions of Guests and Roll Call

Directors in attendance included: Mike Buck, Ben Ferree, Dave Hornung, Derek Isom, Terry Jaques, Sherry Jones, Hal McNerney, Valerie Rhoades, and Ron Smith. ECCOG Executive Director Candace Payne attended. Senior & Transit Services Director Sean Vanous was unable to attend. Directors Rhonda Brown, Ryan Fulmer, and Megan Gardner were unable to attend. A quorum was declared. Guests attending were Eva Branson of Colorado's Office of Federal Funds & Strategic Initiatives and Cindy Tacha of Workforce Colorado Rural Alliance a part of Colorado Department of Labor & Employment.

Election of Officers

Chairman Dave Hornung turned the floor over to Director Terry Jaques to conduct the officer election for the reorganization meeting. Dave Hornung was nominated as chairman. Director Hal McNerney moved nomination cease which was seconded by Director Ben Ferree. A unanimous vote was cast for Dave Hornung to serve as Chairman. Ben Ferree was nominated for Vice Chairman. Director Hal McNerney made a motion to close nominations which was seconded by Derek Isom. A unanimous ballot was cast for Ben Ferree to serve as Vice Chairman. Secretary nominations were opened with Sherry Jones receiving the nomination. Director Ron Smith moved nominations cease. Director Valerie Rhoades seconded the motion. The secretary position will be filled by Sherry Jones after a unanimous vote was cast. Director Terry Jaques asked for nominations for Treasurer and one nomination for Valerie Rhoades was received. Director Hal McNerney made the motion to close nominations. Director Ben Ferree seconded this motion. A vote was cast unanimously for Valerie Rhoades to serve as Treasurer. Officer elections were complete.

Adjournment

Chairman Dave Hornung declared the Reorganization Meeting adjourned at 7:03PM.