# El Paso CoC Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/21/25
Scheduled Start Time: 1330

## CALL TO ORDER

Facilitated by the Chair of the Board

- Josue Lachica called to order the regular meeting of El Paso CoC Board Meeting on 11/21/25 via video conference at 1:30 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

Secretary conducted a roll call. The following members are present:

| Last Name | First Name | CoC Board Position | Present | 9/5/25 & 11/14/25 Approval of Meeting Minutes |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Avila | Zulema | Member | X | Approved 12/1/25 via email. |
| Bishop | Joel | Member | X | Approved 12/2/25 via email |
| Canales | Chris | Member | Absent | Approved 12/1/25 via email |
| Candelaria | Emilia | Member | Absent | n/a |
| Castillo | Camille | Ex Officio Member | X | Approved 12/2/25 via email |
| Hart | Anna | Secretary | X | Approved |
| Hartman | Emily | Vice-Chair | X | n/a |
| Jurado | Daniel | Member | Absent | n/a |
| Lachica | Josue | Chair | X | Approved 12/1/25 via email. |
| Martin | John | Member | X | Approved 11/25/25 via email. |
| Montelongo | Alex | Chair-Elect | X | Approved 12/1/25 via email. |
| Ortega | Carlos | Member | Absent | n/a |
| Paz | Christina | Member | Absent | n/a |
| Reza | Susana | Ex Officio Member | X | n/a |
| Schiff | Nicole | Member | X | Approved 12/1/25 via email. |
| Senger | Beth | Member | X | Approved 11/21/25 via email. |

### ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

| Last Name | First Name | Agency/Title | Attendance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Narvaez | Olivia | EPSID | X |
| Alonso | Adela | City of El Paso | X |
| Davidson | Karen | County Purchasing Agent | X |
| Day | Sandra | PDNHF | X |
| Gray | Gary | Coalition for the Homeless | X |

## MEETING SUMMARY

- Provided introduction of the Funding Committee Members:
    - Nicole Schiff, EPISD
    - Sandra Day, Program Officer – Paso Del Norte Health Foundation
    - Karen Dacidson, El Paso County Purchasing Agent
    - Adela Alonzo, City of El Paso
- The meeting discussed significant changes to the Continuum of Care (CoC) NOFO process, including a 60-day timeline for submissions and a 30% funding cap for permanent housing interventions. Release date for NOFO is mid-November.
    - Camille mentions the ongoing efforts to request Congress to gap fund renewal projects.
    - Major policy shifts include the housing first approach and high-risk environment for permanent housing interventions.
    - Discussed some of the current programs up for renewal currently at risk, specifically related to rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing.
    - The funding structure has shifted, with a focus on treatment capacity, employment outcomes, and enforcement coordination.
        - The CoC board is considering strategic reallocations to balance the impact.
    - Project informational applications for renewals are due on December 5, and new project applications are due on December 9.
    - The funding committee will review all applications from December 8 to 10, and the COC board will meet on December 22 to finalize the program slate.
- The meeting also addressed the need for clear communication and coordination among agencies and the importance of individual and collective advocacy to address the NOFO's challenges.

PENDING ACTION ITEMS

- Finalize and release the local application process by the end of the day or no later than Monday, 11/24/25.
- Send the board copies of any letters that have been sent to elected officials regarding the NOFO changes.
- Coordinate with Camille to review any formal communication from the Coalition on behalf of the CoC before it is sent out.
- Encourage all CoC members to submit their concerns, complaints, and questions about the NOFO directly to the point of contact at HUD.
- Explore strategies to minimize the impact of the funding changes, such as separating out requests for housing and supportive services.

ADJOURNMENT

After all open issues and new business has been discussed and document, the meeting facilitator will adjourn the Board meeting.

- Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minute taker must submit the minutes for approval of the Board.

- Minutes submitted by: Anna Hart, Chief of Restorative Care at EHN