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Board of County Commissioners

Holly Williams, District 1

Carrie Geitner, District 2

Bill Wysong, District 3

Cory Applegate, District 4

Cami Bremer, District 5

**CITIZEN OUTREACH GROUP (COG)
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: February 24, 2025

**Members Present
In Person and Via
Virtual/Teleconference
Meeting:**

Ruble Henderson (Chair), Sarah Brittain Jack, Ed Dills, Jim Godfrey, Angie Green, Brenda Miller

Members Absent: Dale Warner

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Carrie Geitner and Commissioner Holly Williams

County Staff Present: Ryan Parsell, Natalie Sosa, Paula Linhares

I. Call to Order, Ruble Henderson - The meeting was called to order at 9:30am.

II. Administrative Items - Ruble Henderson

- a. Motion to not excuse absent Board member Dale Warner was made by Sarah Brittain Jack and seconded by Jim Godfrey.
- b. A motion to approve the January 27 minutes was made by Jim Godfrey and seconded by Brenda Miller.

III. Commissioner Liaison Report – Commissioner Geitner and Commissioner Williams

- a. [State of the Region](#) recap – the presentation highlighted efforts that are aligned with the County's Strategic Plan.
- b. Commissioners attended the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. (March 1-4).
- c. County Data Dashboards are in the process of being reviewed. The dashboards are intended to illustrate data-driven results.
- d. New Commissioners Cory Applegate and Bill Wysong are continuing their orientation process.
- e. Commissioners Williams and Wysong presented at Tri-Lakes Chamber Region and Economic Update event on February 26.

IV. Update on Colorado Legislative Session – Ryan Parsell

- a. Legislative Session is at half-way point – will adjourn on May 7.
- b. Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) convened its steering committees to deliberate and officially vote on newly introduced bills in the state legislature.
- c. Ryan provided an overview of bills that the Government Affairs team is tracking and the Board of County Commissioners' position on them. See presentation here:



Legislative Update
Informal Mtg 2.18.21

V. Update on COG Board vacancies – Ryan Parsell

- a. At-large openings have been posted on the County volunteer website:
<https://bocc.elpasoco.com/volunteer/>
- b. Board member Angie Greene (re-appointed by Commissioner Wysong to represent District 3 on the COG Board) is expected to relocate to another district and may need to re-apply for an at-large position. Staff will check Bylaws.

VI. Communications and PIO Update – Natalie Sosa

- a. Media Training will be available in April or May. COG Board members will be invited to participate.
- b. Strategic Plan Dashboard (referenced earlier) will be rolling out within the next several weeks. A card with QR code to the dashboard will be shared. Talking points will be prepared.
- c. Upcoming Events:
 - Monster Truck event – April 12, El Paso County Raceway, Calhan
<https://www.facebook.com/ElPasoCountyRaceway/>
 - Annual County Fair – July 12-19 <https://www.elpasocountyfair.com/> - COG is expected to support this event.

VII. Citizen College 2025 Update - Subcommittee

- a. Subcommittee Assignments: see attached updated schedule
- b. Ongoing Goals Discussion:
 - Determine what worked in previous Colleges and continually review lessons learned
 - For 2025 College, allow participants to choose the sessions they want to attend, but encourage attending all sessions in College marketing materials.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am