

4th Judicial District Community Corrections Board (CCB)

MINUTES

December 17th, 2025

Board Members: Chantel Bruce, Judge Amanda Philipps, Judge Cynthia McKedy, Brent Nelson, Deana O'Riley, Lt. Derek Mower, Manuela Reising, LeeAnn Ortega, Ryan Graham, and Michael Publicker.

Excused absences: Lorena Gray, Lt. Robert Harris, and Jerry Jones.

Unexcused absences: None.

Staff present: MaCain Hildebrand, Daniel Huddleston, Tiffany Weaver, Cassidy Keltner, Kristin Cronk, Mark Allison, Christine Burns, and Terry Sample.

Guests present: Commissioner Lauren Nelson, Steve Owens, Gwen Barlow, Jenner Behan, and Mark Wester.

1. Chantel Bruce called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. The Board meeting was held with members attending virtually or in person.

2. Attendance: Chantel Bruce called roll.

3. Case Review:

a. **VRA Statements:** Statements provided by victims or victim representatives for offenders.

b. **Discussion and Balloting:** No Discussion. Balloting was opened.

4. Approval of Minutes and Presentation:

a. **Michael Publicker moved, and Lt. Derek Mower seconded the ratification of the meeting minutes for November 19th and the electronic meeting minutes for November 5th, 12th, and 26th, 2025; the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

5. Program Reports:

a. **Embrace (ECC):** Mark Wester reported for Embrace; he reported that their residential average daily census in November was 286 with 235 beds allocated by DCJ; that the child support collected was \$4,074.80, and restitution collected was \$4,671.55; he reported that Embrace had 60 admissions with 44 residential terminations during November; that the successful completion rate was 50.0%, totaling 22; that the negative terminations were 50.0%, totaling 22; the negative terminations included 29.5% for escapes, totaling 13, 18.2% for technical violations, totaling eight, and 2.3% committed new crime during placement, totaling one.

Mr. Wester reported that Embrace received 32 Diversion and 36 Transition referrals in November; he reported that Embrace accepted 100% of auto Diversion referrals and 100% of criteria Diversion referrals, as well as 100% of auto Transition referrals and 96% of criteria Transition referrals.

Mr. Wester reported that current staff vacancies for November include six security positions, three support staff positions, and one non-residential staff position; Mr. Wester reported that the current client employment rate is 76.9%, and that the positive UA rate for the month is 2.4%; he reported that Embrace imposed 142 client sanctions and had six medical emergencies in November, along with receiving 12 grievances.

Mr. Wester reported that Embrace's required PREA Audit has been completed; he responded to Board questions about why client grievances appear to be increasing; Jenner Behan provided the response, confirming that there has been an increase, and stated that the majority of grievances concern meals, off-ground passes, and new case managers.

Mr. Behan and Mr. Wester also spoke to the Board regarding additional support and programming available to clients during the holiday season; that Embrace intends to be prepared to support clients through what can be a challenging season; Mr. Wester provided updates on staff training covering facility walkthroughs, headcounts, pat searches, UAs, whereabouts monitoring, and incident processes and write-ups; that Embrace is evaluating new Offender Management Systems to potentially replace Correct Tech; that pat searches have been separated from UAs to comply with DCJ recommendations; and that Embrace's probationary period for the IRT and SOSTCC Specialized audit have been extended.

b. **Community Alternatives of El Paso (CAE)**: Steve Owens reported for CAE; he reported that the bed count for November is 247, with 240 allocated by the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ); that the total child support collected was \$4,863.57 and restitution was \$9,269.46; that there were 46 admissions and 42 terminations in November; that the successful program completion rate was 59.5%; that the negative termination rate was 40.5%, including 19.0% terminations for escapes, numbering eight, 16.7% terminations for house/technical violations, numbering seven, and 4.7% terminations for committing a new crime during placement, numbering two; Mr. Owens stated that the current client employment rate is 80.2%, and that the positive UA rate for the month is 2.6%; that CAE imposed 14 client sanctions in November; that there were zero grievances and one medical emergency; and that the current staff vacancies include four security positions, three case management positions, and two treatment staff positions.

Mr. Owens reported 32 Diversion and 33 Transition referrals in November; he reported that CAE accepted 95% of Diversion auto referrals and 91% of Diversion criteria referrals; that CAE accepted 100% of Transition auto referrals and 68.75% of Transition criteria referrals in November.

Mr. Owens reported that GEO Regional Manager Frances Falk retired in November and that her replacement is still being determined by GEO's corporate office; he reported that they are anticipating an increase in the number of positive UA's for the month of December, stating that they tend to see an increase in use over the holidays; Mr. Owens stated that in November CAE hosted a thank you brunch for partnering volunteer organizations which included Cogent Thinking, Victory World Outreach/Breakaway

Program, The Bridge, and Celebrate Recovery; Mr. Owens noted that CAE appreciates their volunteers and all they do to support residents and are always looking to increase partnerships.

6. Monthly Reports:

- a. **SFY24 Financial Report:** MaCain Hildebrand reported that the November 2025 expenditures were expected to be at 41.67%; that Embrace was at \$3,001,687.87 expended, representing 3.12% overspent; that CAE was at \$2,785,016.03 expended, representing 0.11% underspent.
- b. **Provider Termination Report:** MaCain Hildebrand reported that for November 2025, Community Alternatives of El Paso County had a 59.52% positive/successful termination rate, an unauthorized absence termination rate of 19.05%, a 19.05% technical violation termination rate, and a committed new crime termination rate of 2.38%; he reported that Embrace had a 50.00% positive/successful termination rate, a 29.55% unauthorized absence termination rate, a 18.18% technical violation termination rate, and a 2.27% committed new crimes negative termination rate.
- c. **Staff Report:** MaCain Hildebrand reported to Board members about the proposed holiday balloting schedule for December and January, as well as the proposed Board meeting schedule for 2026.

7. Old Business:

None for this month.

8. New Business:

- a. **Agenda Item 8a – CAE KPI Program.** The Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Community Corrections, under their Performance-Based Contracting Model, requires community corrections vendors to select and report on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) which are quantifiable measures that demonstrate performance improvements; that the areas of performance assessed will be staff retention, staff training, and two on reducing unauthorized absences; that these KPIs will be sent to the Office of Community Corrections, and data will be collected from January 1, 2026, to October 31, 2026, and presented to the Board for review and approval in December 2026; Steve Owens presented the Board with CAE's proposed KPI's for 2026.

Deana O'Riley moved, and Michael Publicker seconded the motion to approve CAE's proposed KPIs for 2026; the motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote.

- b. **Agenda Item 8b – Embrace KPI Program.** The Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Community Corrections, under their Performance-Based Contracting Model, requires community corrections vendors to select and report on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) which are quantifiable measures that demonstrate performance improvements; that the

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Deana O'Riley moved, and Lt. Derek Mower seconded the motion to approve Embrace's proposed KPIs for 2026; the motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote.

c. **Agenda Item 8c –** HB 18-1251 requires the Division of Criminal Justice to publish an annual report that includes referral trends and acceptance data; this report is submitted to the Division of Criminal Justice and other stakeholders; MaCain Hildebrand presented the 1st Quarter data for State Fiscal Years 25-26 for the 4th Judicial District Community Corrections and DCJ Referral Data (July 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025) to the Board; Mr. Hildebrand reported that there were 568 total referrals received, with 251 of those being Transition, 268 Diversion, 33 COP, and 16 CoPr; that the acceptance rates reported to DCJ were 55% for Transition, which is the highest in the state, 73% for Diversion, and 88% for COP.

9. Case Review – Ballot Results: The Chair read the ballot results.

Board/Staff Comments: No additional comments were contributed.

10. Adjournment: Chantel Bruce adjourned the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED

By MaCain Hildebrand at 5:06 pm, Jan 13, 2026

MaCain Hildebrand, Justice Services Manager
El Paso County Community Corrections

Confirmed:



Chantel Bruce, Chair
El Paso County Community Corrections Board

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Ballot of December 17, 2025
MANDATORY BOARD REVIEW

Pursuant to Section E16 of the OFFENDER PLACEMENT REVIEW PROCEDURES adopted by the El Paso County Community Corrections Board on July 25, 1997 and amended on January 17, 2024, the results of the ballot are reported to and ratified by the El Paso County Community Corrections Board on January 21, 2025.

Accept											
Offender Name	CCD #	Referral	IRT	WRP	JD	Provider*	Approve	Reject	Abst		
WALLACE, CORNELIUS	26-0602	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	CAE	8	1	1		
HARGROVE, OLIVER	26-0603	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	CAE	9	0	1		
TENNEY, CHADWICK	26-0604	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	CAE	8	1	0		
VANMETER, ADAM J	26-0607	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	7	2	1		
MCDOW, JACOB D	26-0608	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	7	2	1		
FAURE, MICHAEL	26-0609	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	5	4	1		
COOK, BRYAN C	26-0610	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	8	1	1		
NAVRATIL, DUSTIN A	26-0611	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	7	2	1		
MATHIS, KEITH E	26-0613	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	5	4	1		
ATKINS, CARL	26-0617	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		ECC	6	3	1		
SILVA, ANGEL	26-0618	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	7	2	1		
MONTANO, DANIEL M	26-0619	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		ECC	5	4	1		
CORDOVA-WETCH, NICOLE S	26-0621	C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		ECC	8	1	1		
CRUZ-QUINONES, STEVEN	26-0622	C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	8	1	1		
SANDS, TARA L	26-0623	C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		ECC	8	1	1		
BEVERLY, RAYMONDE E	26-0624	C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		ECC	7	2	1		

Reject											
Offender Name	CCD #	Referral	IRT	WRP	JD	Provider	Approve	Reject	Abst		
BABRUDI, CHRIST	26-0601	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	ECC	4	5	1		
ANDERSON, CALEB	26-0605	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	CAE	3	6	1		
MCGEE, ANDREW J	26-0606	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	3	6	1		
CRUMB, DENNIS I	26-0612	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	3	6	1		
DUMAS, JOHN R	26-0614	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	4	5	1		
PAULK, DESCO D	26-0615	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	3	6	1		
ESPINOZA, NICHOLAS M	26-0616	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	4	5	1		
SIMMONS, JEREMY LEE	26-0620	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	2	7	1		
REVELES, ALEX P	26-0625	T	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		ECC	2	7	1		

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El Paso County Community Corrections Board
Electronic Screening Minutes
December 10, 2025

Staff present: Daniel Huddleston
Others present: Tiffany Weaver and Cassidy Keltner

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Ballots: Daniel Huddleston tabulated ballots.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED

By Daniel Huddleston at 1:03 pm, Dec 10, 2025

Daniel Huddleston
Community Corrections Specialist

Confirmed:



Chantel Bruce, Chair
El Paso County Community Corrections Board

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GUARACHA, ALEX	26-0576	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	ECC	9	1	1		
PENNETHY, JORIS	26-0577	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	ECC	6	4	1		
CARTWRIGHT, JUSTIN	26-0579	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	ECC	6	4	1		
FAGERHOLM, DAWSON	26-0580	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	ECC	8	2	1		
MAGEE, SIDNEY	26-0581	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	ECC	6	4	1		
AHOLA, JORDAN	26-0582	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	CAE	7	3	1		
WATKINS, DOUGLAS	26-0583	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	CAE	9	1	1		
NORDYKE, LANE	26-0589	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	CAE	6	4	1		
ALBERTUS, MICHAEL	26-0591	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	CAE	7	3	1		
HENRY, JONATHAN	26-0595	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		ECC	7	3	1		
POINDEXTER, KARLOS S	26-0599	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		ECC	6	4	1		
MCCLEAREN, KEVIN L	26-0600	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	8	2	1		

Reject											
Offender Name	CCD #	Referral	IRT	WRP	JD	Provider	Approve	Reject	Abst		
WIEBE, AARON	26-0578	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	ECC	4	6	1		
ROSA, JOHN	26-0584	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	ECC	3	7	1		
SALMO, REMELYN	26-0585	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	CAE	5	5	1		
PELLECHIA, JOSEPH	26-0586	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	ECC	5	5	1		
DUBOSE, SEAN	26-0587	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	ECC	4	5	2		
HILL, MIA	26-0588	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	ECC	5	5	1		
BARNES, DENNIS	26-0590	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	CAE	5	5	1		
BROWN, TREDRIC E	26-0592	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	5	5	1		
CERVANTES, FERNANDO	26-0593	T	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	5	5	1		
HAGEN, CODY J	26-0594	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	4	6	1		
GETZ, BRANDON	26-0596	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		ECC	4	6	1		
MEDINA, JACOB D	26-0597	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		ECC	5	5	1		
MERRITT, DAVID M	26-0598	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		ECC	4	6	1		

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Others present: Cassidy Keltner

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Ballots: Daniel Huddleston tabulated ballots.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED

By Daniel Huddleston at 10:24 am, Dec 23, 2025

Daniel Huddleston
Community Corrections Specialist

Confirmed:



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REUSE, ELIJAH	26-0626	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	CAE	7	3	1		
MALONE, WAYNE	26-0627	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	ECC	6	4	1		
TODD, KEYONNA	26-0628	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	ECC	8	2	1		
MYERS, BRANDON	26-0629	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	ECC	9	1	1		
MONTOYA, RAMON	26-0630	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	ECC	9	1	1		
ROGERS, DAVID	26-0634	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	CAE	6	4	1		
LANDER, DARRELL	26-0635	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	CAE	9	1	1		
EMEL, ALEKSANDR	26-0637	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	ECC	7	3	1		
ROMERO, TIMOTHY J	26-0641	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		ECC	8	2	1		
SOWELL, GABRIEL C	26-0645	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		ECC	6	4	1		
MCDOWELL, DEAUNDRE	26-0646	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		ECC	9	1	1		
STEWART, DUSTIN J	26-0648	C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	7	3	1		
HOOD, JASON E	26-0649	C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	9	1	1		
WALTON-KING, BRIAN O	26-0650	C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		ECC	6	4	1		

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THOMPSON, TREVOR	26-0631	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	ECC	5	5	1		
BROWN, DAVID	26-0632	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	CAE	5	5	1		
GAMBLE, GARY	26-0633	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	ECC	3	7	1		
WALKER, DONJURE	26-0636	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	CAE	4	6	1		
JOHNSTON, SHAWN	26-0638	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	ECC	3	7	1		
SCOGGINS, LEWIS	26-0639	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4th	CAE	5	5	1		
HARDY, JAMES A	26-0640	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	4	6	1		
BASS, STEPHEN L	26-0642	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		ECC	4	6	1		
REED, JAMES E	26-0643	T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		ECC	4	6	1		
MOSHER, CHRISTOPHER	26-0644	T	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	4	6	1		
PHELAN, JEREMIAH J	26-0647	C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		CAE	5	5	1		

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