Board Members: Chantel Bruce, Michael Publicker, Judge Philips, Judge Cynthia McKedy, Brent Nelson, Deana O'Riley, Lt. Dave Gilman, Lorena Gray, LeeAnn Ortega, Michael McNeill, and Taylor Kallian

Excused absences: Jeff Wells & Lt. Mower

Unexcused absences: Jerry Jones

Staff present: Vernon Stewart, Bonnie Arnoldussen, MaCain Hildebrand, Daniel Huddleston, Tiffany Weaver, Cassidy Keltner-Lecce, and Mark Allison.

Guests present: Steve Owens, Gwen Barlow, Jenner Behan, and Terry Sample.

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.

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

4. **Approval of Minutes and Presentation:**

   a. **Michael Publicker moved, and Lt. David Gilman seconded the ratification of the meeting minutes for August 19th and the electronic meeting minutes for August 5th, 12th, and 26th, 2026; the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

5. **Program Reports:**

   a. **Embrave (ECC):** Jenner Behan reported for Embrave; he reported that their residential average daily census in August was 258 with 253 beds allocated by DCJ; that the child support collected was $3,218.47, and restitution collected was $4,471.36; he reported that Embrave had 59 admissions with 36 residential terminations during August; that the successful completion rate was 80.6%, totaling 29; that the negative terminations were 19.4%, totaling seven; Mr. Behan reported that the negative terminations included 8.3% for escapes, totaling three, and 11.1% for technical violations, totaling four.

   Jenner Behan reported that in August, Embrave received 40 Diversion and 44 Transition referrals; that Embrave accepted nine auto Diversion referrals and 26 criteria Diversion referrals, as well as six auto Transition referrals and 29 criteria Transition referrals.

   Mr. Behan reported that current staff vacancies include eight security positions, two case management positions, two treatment staff positions, two admin positions, and one non-

residential staff position; he reported that the current client employment rate is 69.40%, and that the positive UA rate for the month is 2.4%; he reported that Embrave imposed 56 client sanctions; that they had nine medical emergencies in August, along with receiving five client grievances.

Jenner Behan reported that Parole provided training on Offender Grooming for Embrave staff, as well as case planning training, a medication refresher, and QMAP training; that reporting accuracy is being confirmed due to Embrave updating to a new case management system.

b. **Community Alternatives of El Paso (CAE)**: Steve Owens reported for CAE; he reported that their residential average daily census in August was 222 with 253 beds allocated by DCJ; that the child support collected was $3,710.00, and restitution collected was $19,216.85; he reported that CAE had 42 admissions with 34 residential terminations during August; that the successful completion rate was 64.7%, totaling 22; that the negative terminations was 35.3%, totaling 12; Mr. Owens reported that the negative terminations included 20.6% for escapes, totaling seven, and 11.8% for technical violations, totaling four.

Steve Owens reported that in August, CAE received 39 Diversion and 46 Transition referrals; that CAE accepted seven auto Diversion referrals and 25 criteria Diversion referrals, as well as five auto Transition referrals and 27 criteria Transition referrals.

Mr. Owens reported that current staff vacancies include six security positions and one case management position; he reported that the current client employment rate is 84.1%, and that the positive UA rate for the month is 5.6%; he reported that CAE imposed 56 client sanctions; that they had one medical emergency in August, along with receiving two client grievances.

Steve Owens reported that Case Management Supervisors facilitated a Community of Practice on 8/25/26; that CAE sent three Case Managers to DCJ/OCC Case Planning training in Lakewood September 1st and 2nd; he reported that CAE Case Managers, Case Management Supervisors, and Assistant Director Programs attend DCJ related Behavioral Interventions training at the Penrose House on 8/13/26; that GEO national audit will be on 10/5/26; Mr. Owens reported that the CAE monthly Family Service meeting was held on Friday 8/21, he shared photos with the board.

6. Monthly Reports:

a. **SFY25 Financial Report:** MaCain Hildebrand reported that for August 2026, expenditures were expected to be at 16.67%; that Embrave was at $1,081,657.30 expended, representing 1.30% underspent; that CAE was at $1,022,830.35 expended, representing 2.14% underspent.

b. **Provider Termination Report**: MaCain Hildebrand reported that for August 2026, Community Alternatives of El Paso County had a 64.71% positive/successful termination rate, an unauthorized absence termination rate of 20.59%, a technical violation termination rate of 11.76%, and a committed new crime rate of 2.94%; he reported that Embrave had a 80.56% positive/successful termination rate, an 8.33% unauthorized absence termination rate, and an 11.11% technical violation termination rate.

c. **Staff Report:** MaCain Hildebrand reported that Community Corrections staff will be attending the 2026 Community Corrections Conference on October 28-29, 2026; he introduced Bonnie Arnoldussen as the new Deputy Executive Director.

7. **Old Business:**
   a. **None**

8. **New Business:**

   a. **None**

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 12:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED
By MaCain Hildebrand at 10:32 am, Oct 16, 2026

MaCain Hildebrand, Justice Services Manager
El Paso County Community Corrections

Confirmed:

Chantel Bruce, Chair
El Paso County Community Corrections Board

4th Judicial District Community Corrections Board

Ballot of September 16, 2026

MANDATORY BOARD REVIEW

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Accept

Offender Name	CCD #	Referral	IRT	WRP	JD	Provider*	Approve	Reject	Abst
GUILLEN, PETER	27-0276	D	☐	☐	4th	ECC	14	0	1
PORTILLO-CARRILLO, ALEXIS	27-0277	D	☐	☐	4th	ECC	12	2	1
EPPS, COREY	27-0278	D	☐	☐	3rd	ECC	8	6	1
YOUNG, MALIK J	27-0285	T	☐	☐		ECC	13	1	1
RODRIGUEZ-SANTIAGO, CESAR A	27-0287	T	☐	☐		CAE	10	4	1
WICKERSHEIM, LEVI M	27-0289	T	☐	☐		CAE	11	3	1
MARTINEZ, VICTORIA P	27-0298	C	☐	☐		ECC	11	3	1
ALLISON, GERARD B	27-0299	C	☐	☐		ECC	9	5	1

Reject

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VERBECK, BENJAMIN	27-0279	D	☐	☐	4th	ECC	4	10	1
RIVERA JR., JESUS MANUEL	27-0280	D	☐	☐	5th	ECC	7	7	1
BABRUDI, CHRIST	27-0281	D	☐	☐	4th	ECC	7	7	1
STINSON, JEREMY K	27-0282	T	☐	☐		ECC	4	10	1
BARCELO, ALEJANDRO	27-0283	T	☐	☐		ECC	6	8	1
FLYNN, PAUL W	27-0284	T	☐	☐		CAE	4	10	1
GARCIA, RAMON M	27-0286	T	☐	☐		CAE	7	7	1
MADRID, LEANDRO E	27-0288	T	☐	☐		ECC	5	9	1
OLIVAS, ADRIAN	27-0290	T	☐	☐		CAE	7	7	1
WATKINS, SYLVESTER A	27-0291	T	☐	☐		ECC	7	7	1
PINEDA, DONNY D	27-0292	T	☑	☐		ECC	2	12	1
ROBERTSON, JAMES T	27-0293	T	☑	☐		ECC	5	9	1
HOMMERTZHEIM, LEVI M	27-0294	T	☐	☐		ECC	3	11	1
BALES, CODY R	27-0295	T	☐	☐		CAE	3	11	1
ALVAREZ, HILARIO S	27-0296	T	☐	☐		ECC	4	10	1
SAUCEDO, DENNIS S	27-0297	T	☐	☐		CAE	7	7	1
SHERMAN, ISAAC	27-0300	T	☐	☐		ECC	2	9	1

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Legend:

CAE = Community Alternatives of El Paso County
ECC = Embrave
C = Condition of Parole with or without IRT
D = Diversion Residential and Non-Residential
T = Transition with or without IRT

*** = Or another Community Corrections Program within the Jurisdiction**