

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ALEJANDRO RUIZ SENIOR CENTER
OF THE CITY OF CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO,
HELD IN THE ALEJANDRO RUIZ SENIOR CENTER BUILDING
ON FEBRUARY 4, 2026, AT 12:30 P.M.**

Present:	Jim Grantner	Chairperson
	Julia William	Board Member
	Liz Gordy	Board Member
	Robert Echavarria	Board Member
	Tony Hernandez	Board Member

Absent: None

Also Present:	Amparo C. Vasquez	Alejandro Ruiz Senior Center Manager
	Cristina Enright	Alejandro Ruiz Senior Center Asst. Manager

1. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Jim Grantner, the Chairperson, took a roll call of those present. It was determined that a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 12:43 p.m.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 7, 2026

After considering the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 7, 2026, J. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes, which T. Hernandez seconded. The vote was as follows:

Yes:

Jim Grantner
Robert Echavarria
Julia Williams
Liz Gordy
Tony Hernandez

No:

None

3. REPORT FROM MANAGER

A. Monthly Report

The number of patrons served during January 2026 was 4,121, which includes the meal count. Six seniors signed up as new members. The ARSC and the meal site were both closed on January 1st in observance of the New Year's holiday. Mega Bingo was held on January 6th. The ARSC Board Meeting was held on January 7th. Amparo attended the Age Friendly Council meeting held on January 7th. Allan DeAnda was at the ARSC with the Medicare Open Enrollment on January 15th. The New Year's dance was held on January 16th. The ARSC and the meal site were both closed on January 19th in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The CCVN Advisory Board meeting was held on February 2nd. Mega Bingo was held on February 3rd. The Advisory Board meeting was held on February 4th. Amparo attended the Age Friendly Council meeting held on February 4th. The state income tax preparations will begin on February 11th at 1:00p.m. Pat Jones will once again volunteer to provide these services. St. Peter Lutheran Church has been contacted regarding potential assistance with AARP tax services, and a response is pending. The Valentine's Day celebration for the seniors will be held on February 12th. The Valentine's Dance will be held on February 13th from 6:30p.m. to 9:30p.m. The senior center will be open on President's Day, however, the meal site will be closed on February 16th in observance of the President's Day holiday. We will have our monthly birthday celebration for the seniors on February 28th.

B. Building Renovation Update 2026

Building renovations will continue at an unspecified date. The crew will start removing the asbestos from the building before they begin construction work on the side of the building that still needs it. The date is still pending. We are hoping it will not interfere with daily activities, but if it does, ARSC staff will formulate a plan to continue regular daily activities.

4. DISCUSS FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER/CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

The February 2026 Newsletter/Calendar of Weekly Activities was discussed and has been distributed to the seniors. ARSC will be purging the membership list to ensure the accuracy of current members. The new format of the Newsletter was well received by the Advisory Board. Jessica and Cristina will be alternating in creating the Newsletter.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment

With no further business to discuss, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.



Jim Grantner, Chairperson

3-4-26

Date