

**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 MARCH 4, 2026, AT 12:30 P.M.**

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

Absent:	Julia William	Board Member
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Also Present:	Amparo C. Vasquez	Alejandro Ruiz Senior Center Manager
	Cristina Enright	Alejandro Ruiz Senior Center Asst. Mgr.

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 12:33 p.m.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2026

After considering the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 4, 2026, T. Hernandez made a motion to approve the minutes, which L. Gordy seconded.

The vote was as follows:

Yes- Jim Grantner, Robert Echavarria, Liz Gordy and Tony Hernandez

No- None

Absent- Julia William

3. REPORT FROM MANAGER

A. Monthly Report

The number of patrons served in February 2026 was 4,928, including the meal count. Thirteen seniors signed up as new members. On February 3rd, Mega Bingo was held. On February 4th, the ARSC Advisory Board meeting was held. On February 4th, Amparo attended the Age Friendly Council meeting. On February 11th, the state income tax preparations began. On February 12th, the Valentine's Day Senior Celebration was held. On February 13th, the Valentine's dance was held. The meal site was closed on February

16th in observance of Presidents' Day. The monthly birthday celebration for the seniors was held on February 28th. The CCVN Advisory Board Meeting was held on March 2nd. Mega Bingo was held on March 3rd. The ARSC Advisory Board Meeting was held on March 4th. Amparo will attend the Age Friendly Council meeting on March 4th. The state income tax preparation will be held at 1 pm on March 4th. The ARSC will have a table set up at the Recreation Center for Rivertblitz on March 7th. The St. Patrick's Day celebration will be held on March 17th. The ARSC will host the Eddy County Dancing with the Stars on March 20th, and they will have two dances. The senior birthday celebrations will be held on March 31st.

B. Building Renovation Update 2026

Building renovations will continue. The crew will start removing the asbestos from the building before they begin construction. We hope it will not interfere with daily activities, but if it does, ARSC staff will formulate a plan to continue regular activities. There will be a gutter placed at the entrance of the ARSC, and a PO was sent so construction can begin. The oven in the kitchen was repaired.

4. DISCUSS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING DATE AND TIME CHANGE

The board members discussed the possibility of moving the meeting to the first Friday of each month at 12:30 p.m., rather than the first Wednesday. This item will be included on next month's agenda as an action item for a formal vote.

5. DISCUSS FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER/CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Regarding agenda item 5: Please note that this item was labeled incorrectly. The discussion focused on the March 2026 newsletter rather than the listed topic. The March 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.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.



Jim Grantler, Chairperson

4-1-26

Date