**LINKED MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, HELD IN THE JANELL WHITLOCK MUNICIPAL COMPLEX BUILDING ON AUGUST 14, 2026, AT 10:30 A.M.**

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| Present: | Deborah Pinching | Chair |
| | Rory O'Neil | Vice Chair |
| | Belinda Jones | Board Member |
| | Emma Krum | Board Member |
| Absent: | Machelle Tackett | Board Member |
| Also Present: | Jeff Patterson | Director of Planning and Zoning |
| | Trysha Ortiz | Deputy of Planning and Zoning |
| | Angie Barrios-Testa | Director of Grant Programs |
| | Jayden Whitzel | Grants Compliance Accountant |
| | Jalynn Armendarez | Open Meetings Act Manager |
| | Dana Hernandez | Compliance Clerk |

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0:00:06 **1. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**
Roll was called, determining the presence of a quorum.

0:00:12 **2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES — JULY 10, 2026**

0:00:18 **MOTION**
The motion was made by Ms. Krumm and seconded by Ms. Jones to approve the meeting minutes from July 10, 2026

0:00:19 **VOTE**
The vote was as follows: Yes - Pinching, O'Neil, Jones, Krumm; No - None; Absent - Tackett; the motion carried.

0:00:22 **3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONCERNS REGARDING SIDEWALKS, PARKING, AND STREET REPAIRS NEEDED**
**Ms. Krumm** stated the sidewalk on Halagueno is still buckled due to growing tree roots.

0:00:29 **4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ADA-FRIENDLY BUSINESS TO RECOGNIZE**
There was no ADA-friendly business selected for recognition this month.

0:00:53 **<u>5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE ALEJANDRO RUIZ SENIOR CENTER</u>**

**Mrs. Barrios-Testa** stated the Grants Department is requesting a letter of support from the Disabilities Advisory Board for the rehabilitation of the Alejandro Ruiz Senior Center. She said the proposed improvements will provide additional amenities and accessible spaces that all members of the community can enjoy and utilize.

0:04:45 **MOTION**

The motion was made by Ms. Krumm and seconded by Ms. Pinching to approve a Letter of Support for the Rehabilitation of the Alejandro Ruiz Senior Center

0:04:52 **VOTE**

The vote was as follows: Yes - Pinching, O'Neil, Jones, Krumm; No - None; Absent - Tackett; the motion carried.

0:04:58 **<u>6. DISCUSSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES RECOGNITION ON DECEMBER 3, 2026</u>**

**Mrs. Pinching** stated that she spoke with Carrie Boatwright, who agreed to serve as the keynote speaker for the event. **Mrs. Krumm** stated she reached out to CARC but was informed that they do not provide disability assistance services to schools. She stated she has contacted Chevron and Kodiak regarding potential sponsorships and is awaiting a response. **Mr. O'Neil** asked whether Carrie would have members of her staff available to assist with the event. **Mrs. Pinching** stated she would reach out to Carrie to inquire. **Mr. O'Neil** said he spoke with Albertsons, and they are willing to donate finger foods and refreshments for the event. He stated the board will need to determine which food items will be provided to attendees. **Mrs. Krumm** asked whether the board could meet more frequently leading up to the event to provide updates and continue planning. **Mrs. Armendarez** stated she would review the dates and provide the board with available meeting dates leading up to the event. **Mr. O'Neil** asked if the Mayor would attend the event and if he would be interested in speaking. **Mr. Patterson** stated he would schedule a meeting with the Mayor to discuss his attendance and participation. **Mrs. Krumm** asked whether a venue had been selected. **Mrs. Pinching** stated the Pecos River Conference Center would be the best option for the event because it is accessible and would have less traffic. **Mr. Patterson** asked whether the board had selected an exact date and time for the event. **Mrs. Pinching** said the event is tentatively scheduled for December 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Pecos River Conference Center, pending confirmation of the venues availability. **Mrs. Pinching** asked if the board had determined the anticipated number of attendees. **Mrs. Krumm** said approximately 200 guests are expected.

0:36:37 **<u>7. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. (THREE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER PERSON. ALL COMMENTS MUST BE RESPECTFUL AND COURTEOUS IN NATURE)</u>**

No one appeared.

0:45:30 **Adjourn**

With no further business, Mrs. Pinching adjourned the meeting at 11:15 AM.

Deborah Pinching, Chairman

Date