

LULAC COUNCIL 8003

MEETING MINUTES

November 11, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of LULAC Council 8003 was called to order by President Fred Baca at 5:39pm at the Polo Sierra LULAC Hall. The opening prayer was led by Marivel Medel in the absence of the Chaplain. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: President, Fred Baca, present. Vice-President, Javier Marrufo, present. Secretary-Treasurer, Frances Vasquez, present. Chaplain, Rene Provencio, absent. Parliamentarian, Danny Vasquez, present. Building Manager, Fred Baca, present. Also present were Bea McKinney, Lisa Vasquez and Ted Pressler.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST(S): Aimee Jaurequi, representing “Bridge Village” – a non-profit organized in 2020 that seeks housing for seniors and related services shared the history and goals. Marivel volunteered to support the goals.

Aimee also gave an update on the efforts regarding securing recognition of Bataan Death March victims.

Gayle Simmons, representing the New Mexico Health campaign, shared information and distributed related printed materials, as they prepare efforts to again seek legislative support during the 2026 New Mexico State Legislative session.

APPLICATION(S) FOR MEMBERSHIP: The LULAC membership application form for Aimee Giese was presented. Javier Marrufo made the motion to approve the membership application and Marivel Medel seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING: minutes from the previous meeting of October 14, 2025 were available for review. The minutes were corrected to read that the report on the Silver City Museum is collecting history of “the mining district” versus “Lower Mimbres.” Marivel motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Javier Marrufo seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

REPORTS

Building – Fred Baca reported that he has winterized the swamp cooler. The Grant County Democratic Party has been using the LULAC Hall for their meetings and Dorian continues to use the kitchen for food prep.

National LULAC – Javier reported that 75 Council are out of compliance including 4 in New Mexico.

New Mexico State LULAC – Javier reported that the goal of his tenure is to bring the New Mexico State LULAC “into the 21st Century with a website and communication, and supporting institutional archives.

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OLD BUSINESS

Dia de Muertos event at Bayard Community Park on Nov 1 was planned and presented by Javier Marrufo, Marivel Medel, Oly Sturdevant, Rene Provencio and Jessica Salaiz. Other LULAC members supported a booth of a cornhole game.

Javier reported that the Town of Silver City has awarded \$2000 to support the Perros Bravos/Brewer Hill History Project. LULAC Council 8003 will be the fiscal agent.

Javier reported that he used the funds collected at each meeting of the Los Perros Bravos/Brewer Hill project participants. He purchased a photocopy machine for use by LULAC. It was noted that Rosemary Peru tripped and fell into a glass door at the Los Perros Bravos/Brewer Hill Project event and broke her nose.

Hispanic Author Project/Word Fiesta – Ted Pressler reported.

NEW BUSINESS

Frances Vasquez reported on the annual Christmas tradition of Las Posadas. Fred Baca will be joining with John Lathrop to participate.

GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE LEAGUE

Marivel reported that she maintains the LULAC Council 8003 website and it has garnered approximately 350 hits.

Fred Baca reported attending a public meeting regarding the proposed closing of the Jose Barrios Elementary School and Sixth Street Elementary School closures as well as the results of the recent results of elections.

Simon Sotelo reported on Movimiento Revisited scheduled for Nov 15, 2:00pm, at Parotti Hall.

Simon also reported that Chocolate Fantasia will be on Feb 14 with Felix y Los Gatos at The Toad, sponsored by Mimbres Region Art Council.

Jessica reported on Big Brothers Big Sisters with a Christmas Party at the LULAC Hall on Dec. 11.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: December 9, 2025 Christmas party. Marivel et al will decorate.

ADJOURN: Marivel made the motion to adjourn. Ted seconded the motion and vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Vasquez,

Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

January 13, 2026