

LULAC COUNCIL 8003

MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of LULAC Council 8003 was called to order by President Fred Baca at 5:34pm at the Polo Sierra LULAC Hall. The opening prayer was led by Manuela Jenkins 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, Marivel Medel, absent. Parliamentarian, Danny Vasquez, present. Building Manager(s), Fred Baca and Oly Perez, present. Also present were Simon Sotelo, Ted Pressler, Jessica Salaiz, Gilbert Najjar, Rudy Martinez, Lisa Vasquez, Deb Sierra, Bea McKinney, Manuela Jenkins, Mikki Jemin and Edward Flores.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST(S): Kalah Carrasco of Community Partnership for Kids was expected but was not present.

APPLICATION(S) FOR MEMBERSHIP: Simon made the motion to approve the membership application of Elysha Montoya. Oly seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING (April 14, 2026) Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting of April 14, 2026 were available for review. Simon corrected the title to Continental Divide Trail Days Coalition sponsored. The minutes were amended to include comments from Ted Pressler which was the suggestion that annual membership dues include the dictated \$15.00 for National LULAC annual dues and add an additional \$15.00 per person as funds directly to LULAC Council 8003, depending on the ability of the member to pay the additional \$15.00. Javier made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Jessica seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's Report were available for review.

REPORTS

Building – Oly reported that she is looking forward to corroborating with Fred Baca in supporting the Polo Sierra LULAC Hall and the grounds.

National LULAC – Javier reported that there have been no meetings. The National LULAC Annual Convention will be in San Antonio, Texas on June 17 and Javier will attend. (Press release announces the convention will be in Fort Worth.)

New Mexico State LULAC – Javier announced that Oly Perez has been appointed Secretary for the New Mexico State LULAC. Meetings are via Zoom. Funding is being secured to support the website. The location of the annual convention has been changed from Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso to Socorro, New Mexico scheduled for Saturday, June 13, 2026.

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NM State LULAC, cont'd

Simon made the motion that LULAC Council 8003 volunteer to host the 2027 Annual Convention for the New Mexico State LULAC. Javier seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mikki suggested that LULAC Council 8003 co-sponsor with another LULAC Council. Javier will speak to the Las Cruces LULAC and see if they are interested in partnering.

OLD BUSINESS

June 28, 2026 Bataan Death March Memorial – LULAC Council 8003 is a sponsor. The event will be at the Grant County Convention Center and includes the mining community. Rudy Martinez serves on the New Mexico State LULAC Veteran's committee. Fred Baca announced that fruit trays and veggie trays, and beverages will be available. Manuela suggested that the Sturdevant twins be included in the event. Oly made the motion that LULAC Council 8003 sponsor a fundraiser for the project. Rudy seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Oly will chair an enchilada sale on June 5 at the LULAC 8003 Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Fred Baca announced that Patricia Cano and Guadalupe Cano are sponsoring an "elaborate, back to the roots, Dia de Muertos on October 31/November 1.

Simon suggested a luminaria sale as a fundraiser.

Javier stated that LULAC Council 8003 will discuss the topic of Los Posadas after June 28.

Man of the Year 2026 – Mikki nominated Fred Baca; Fred declined. Manuela nominated Danny Vasquez, Danny declined. Oly nominated Rudy Martinez, Rudy declined. Frances Vasquez nominated Fred Marquez and the nomination was approved unanimously,

Bea nominated Oly as Woman of the Year. Lisa Vasquez seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Lisa Vasquez nominated Michelle Alvarado as Educator of the Year and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Lisa will prepare the booklet for Michelle.

GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE LEAGUE

Manuela and Mikki reported on their activities with AAUW – Association of University Women.

Fred Baca noted that there is a photo of Deb Sierra on the front cover of Desert Exposure publication.

Edward Flores was introduced by Bea McKinney who invited him to LULAC.

Fred Baca invited Simon Sotelo to speak. Simon announced Nuestra Terra will be offer free fishing at Bill Evans thru New Mexico Game and Fish on Saturday, 9:00-1:00.

Ted Pressler shared information re: Leah Lopez, violinist. She is graduate of Mariachi Plata and will perform at the Super Bowl.

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Simon suggested we invite MEChA students to our monthly potluck on May 27 at 5:30pm.

Ted Pressler announced that WILL – Western Institute for Lifelong Learning -has approximately 400 members – will offer “Spanish for Travelers.”

Rudy reported that he and Mikki as members of the WNMU Alumni Association which awards scholarships. Mikki also commented on AAUW – American Association of University Women –

Fred Baca reported on Mimbres Manager, a publication. There was a great article featuring Renee Provencio of the Bayard Public Library.

Oly suggested a Facebook Page for LULAC Council 8003 with a separate gmail account and include Instagram and You Tube Channel. Oly made the motion to establish Instagram and You Tube Channel presence. Simon seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Lisa Vasquez stated that announcements can be submitted to Parent Square.

Bea will be delivering posters during Blues Fest and Memorial Day.

ADJOURN: Oly made the motion to adjourn. Bea seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Vasquez, Secretary