

## **LULAC COUNCIL 8003**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 14, 2026**

The regular monthly meeting of LULAC Council 8003 was called to order by President Fred Baca at 5:36pm at the Polo Sierra LULAC Hall. The opening prayer was led by Frances Vasquez 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, present. Parliamentarian, Danny Vasquez, present. Building Co-Managers, Fred Baca, present; Oly Perez, absent. Also present were Simon Sotelo, Rudy Martinez, Mikki Jemin, Claudia Elferdink, Manuela Jenkins, Lisa Vasquez, Deb Sierra.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Annie Sierra, Pat Sierra, Rachel Tais, Michael Tais.

**APPLICATION(S) FOR MEMBERSHIP:** None.

**MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING** (June 9, 2026) Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting of June 9, 2026 were available for review. Fred Baca corrected the minutes to read that the Military Guard present at the Jaurequi event were given a donation of \$100 from LULAC. Lisa made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Simon seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Copies of the monthly Treasurer's Report are available for review.

### **REPORTS**

**Building** – Fred Baca reported that LULAC Council 8003 is the only Council in New Mexico that has a building. Fred reported that 3 shingles from the roof were found on the ground. Oly sent a group email suggesting that LULAC Council sponsor an outdoor reading library. Ted suggested an indoor reading library. Claudia endorsed the recommendation for handicapped accessibility to the LULAC Hall and volunteered to serve as a volunteer accessibility consultant.

**NATIONAL LULAC/NEW MEXICO STATE LULAC** reports – Javi reported on the New Mexico State LULAC Convention. LULAC Council 8003 will host the 2027 Annual New Mexico State LULAC Convention, probably June-July, 2027. A planning committee will be formed to make the plans.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Rudy Martinez commented on the Veteran's event and the Jaurequi family. Rudy reported that a non-partisan legislative bill has been prepared for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives regarding the Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor. All New Mexico legislators elected to D.C. have signed the bill.

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Rudy commented that Lawrence Romo, the LULAC Veterans representative, has stated that there were four females who served in the Navy.

Rachel Tais and Michael Tais expressed the appreciation of the families of Jose G. Jaurequi for the support of LULAC for the event.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Marivel reported on the Silver City Museum Ice Cream Social. LULAC Council 8003 sold quesadillas and the MEChA students sold Horchata.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

It was decided to utilize the July 28 date for social dinner to present awards to Educator of the Year, Woman of the Year and Man of the Year. Javi reported that the New Mexico State LULAC Awards will be forthcoming. Lisa Vasquez will notify the Educator of the Year recipient.

Javi reported that Las Posadas is planned for 9 evenings.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE LEAGUE**

Simon announced an event sponsored by The Gila Community Foundation on July 29, 9:00-5:00 at the Grant County Conference Center. It was noted that the daughter of Rosemary Peru can help with fundraising.

Manuela expressed appreciation of Marivel and Oly for taking notes of the New Mexico State LULAC Convention.

Manuela noted that there is a photo of Jessica Salaiz on the front page of the Silver City Daily Press.

Deb Sierra announced that the Silver City Public Library is proposing to be closed one day a week. The Silver City Town Council meets twice a month on Tuesdays. Perhaps LULAC could change the monthly meeting date of LULAC to accommodate LULAC members to attend the City Council meetings.

Rachel Tais suggested perhaps an outdoor food bank instead of an outdoor library for the public. Mikki noted that there is an outdoor pantry on Ridge Road.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** August 11, 2026

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:01pm

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Vasquez, Secretary