LULAC COUNCIL 8003

MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 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 Marivel Medel, 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, present. Also present were Mikki Jemin, Ted Pressler, Annie Sierra, Bea McKinney and Fred Marquez.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST(S): Emma McKinley, Grant County Health Council. She shared information regarding services including Behavioral and Mental Health.

APPLICATION(S) FOR MEMBERSHIP: None.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING (August 22, 2026): Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting of August 11, 2026 were available for review. The minutes were corrected to add Annie Sierra to the list of members present at the meeting. Discussion yielded a correction to the minutes to include that the monthly meeting will be on the third Tuesday of each month and the community meal will be scheduled two weeks after the date of the monthly meeting. Oly made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Mikki seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Available for review upon request. Marivel Medel made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Annie Sierra seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

REPORTS

Building – Oly reported that she had re-organized accumulated items in the building. Two purchased storage cabinets now contain linens, decorations and bingo supplies. Saved documents have been placed in museum boxes to protect them. It was noted that rain water leaked inside the north wall and onto the floor.

National LULAC – Javier reported no new information from National LULAC.

New Mexico State LULAC – Javier reported that the new Las Cruces Council has completed all required application documents. There have been lots of changes to current by-laws and there is a new 501C3 committee. Jessica Salaiz is the newly appointed member to New Mexico LULAC LGBTQ committee. There is a new Immigration Committee. There is an Indo-Hispanic Institute meeting planned.

OLD BUSINESS

Monthly LULAC potluck – it was noted that Dr. Verenice Gutierrez, Supt for Cobre Schools, joined us at the last meal.

Marivel reported that the WNMU MEChA students sold posole as a fundraiser.

NEW BUSINESS

Data Centers – Oly reported on the current status of proposed Data Centers in New Mexico. Oly made the motion that LULAC Council 8003 issue an official statement supporting establishing a moratorium. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Las Posadas – Javier reported that there had been an initial meeting to plan for Los Posadas and a second meeting is scheduled for Oct 13. There is a de facto committee of Oly Perez, Marivel Medel and Javier Marrufo.

Dia de los Muertos – Javier reported on plans for a community event and suggested LULAC be involved.

Community meal – the next meal is scheduled for Nov. 3 – Marivel will invite Dr. Coll to join us.

GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE LEAGUE

Ted Pressler shared information regarding the Mexican consulate will be in Albuquerque as a guest of the Albuquerque LULAC – perhaps Silver City LULAC and Las Cruces LULAC can somehow tap into the event. Fred Baca can ask the Santa Fe LULAC.

Ted Pressler also shared information that the U.S Poet Laureate will be in Santa Fe and coming to WNMU on March 30, 2027.

Ted also shared information that the Southwest Word Festival will be in October in Las Cruces.

Mikki Jemin shared information regarding the STEM Fiesta.

Fred Marquez expressed condolences to the Baca family on the loss of Ben Fischer,

Fred Baca announced the annual St. Vincent Fiesta on Sept. 27 at Gough Park.

Javier shared information that Oly and others will share information with students at Central Elementary School regarding Sept 16 Mexican holiday.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 20, 2026

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Vasquez, Secretary