



El Centro del Quinto Sol
Advisory Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2025
5:30pm at El Centro del Quinto Sol

- I. Call to Order: Board Chair Tom Carrigan called the meeting to order at 5:58pm
- II. Roll Call:
Present: Tom Carrigan, Chair
Shawn Vecellio, Member
Joe Latino, Member
Veronica Collins, Program Coordinator
Absent: Alyssa Vargas-Lopez, Member
Janelle Quick, Member
Tamara Moore, Recreation Supervisor
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: August 5, 2025. Joe Latino motioned to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Shawn Vecellio.
- IV. Announcements:
Chair Announcements
 - Tom spoke about the event planned on Sept 14 for the Mexico Ind. Day. The event is at El Centro on that Sunday. Evans Gonzales is running the event. The event won't impact the center as it is on a Sunday and El Centro isn't open.Parks and Recreation Announcements - none
Center Program/Event Updates
 - Veronica spoke about Las Animas online school using the gym Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00pm - 2:00pm throughout the school year. The school rents the gym for an incentive for students who are current in schoolwork and have good grades.
 - Veronica spoke about a Dance Class being offered by CC in Colorado Springs. The classes are free and open to the public. The classes will be held September 22 - 26 in the multipurpose room from 5:00pm to 6:30pm.
 - Veronica shared that Lucero Library last day in El Centro will be Saturday, September 13. The library staff will pack and move supplies Monday, September 15 through Wednesday, September 17 to make the move complete.
 - Veronica spoke about what to use the second floor of the building for once the library leaves. Community/meeting room, art room. No decision has been made.
- V. Old Business:
Construction Update

El Centro del Quinto Sol Advisory Board Focus: Program development and enhancement, Community partnerships, Facility enhancements, and Communication

- Construction- Veronica informed the group that there is a punch walkthrough on Wednesday, September 3.

VI. New Business:

- There was discussion around if El Centro will continue to have a security guard once the library leaves. Veronica stated that it could be considered and would have to see if that is in the budget. She shared that she thought having the security guard with Lucero library made an impact and as it gets darker in the evenings, patrons may appreciate it. It was discussed that potentially a guard could work limited hours in the evening only.

VII. Board Comments - none

VIII. Adjournment: Joe Latino motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Shawn Vecellio at 6:15pm

Next meeting: October 7, 2025 @ 5:30pm, El Centro del Quinto Sol