

WSCO Board Meeting Notes
Monday, December 29th, 2025
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

MISSION STATEMENT: WSCO sustains the people of the West Side to **build community power** and to advance a more **just and equitable community**.

Board Members: Raniya Abawari, Santino Franco, Sebastian Ellefson, Nate Giles, Sebastian Gonzalez Navarro, Jessica Klimisch, Lawrence A. Lucio, Yasmin Muridi, Nancy Negrette, Joy Sorensen Navarre, Mandy Otis, Jeannine Pohl

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6:00 Introductions and welcome (Jess, 5 min)

6:05 Guest recognition (Jess, 5 min)

6:10 Consent agenda (Jess, 5 mins) - **Voted on and consented**

- Last month's minutes
- This month's agenda
- Financials

6:15 West Side School Leaders update (10 min)

(was a public conversation with the riverview principal) Monica gave an update that feeling like there is a stronger philosophy of the work going on important just before all of the Ice federal things happening. Good to have that connection with the school leader. Next one coming up is the principal of cherokee (January 20th or around there)

General consensus is that people are happy with the first principal's discussion from Riverview. Hearing about the bigger plans and awesome things that were done (heard by Monica and Mandy) very happy) our kids deserve this.

6:25 How to keep our School community safe and our Business supported ICE Discussion (Mandy 10 min)

Mandy wanted to share that Diego is doing an amazing job.

Mandy wants to communicate about how to support local businesses and that things are scary and difficult and uncertain. Staying connected with Diego and networks that support the community the best way that we can. Many are encouraged to stay connected. Monica will talk with him about managing the leave and taking personal leave (he is working really hard) he has a lot of passion around this and this is part of his philosophy (he has a lot of passion around this) there are most west side residents. This week alone there were 4 families

that provided mutual aid and talked about being detained with ICE. that's through their collaborative partnerships.

Santino updated that what happened on the east side wouldn't happen anymore and that there will be more communication (federal staff will encourage immigration alone. Political implications are a concern for some law enforcement.

6:35 State of WSCO (southport/Flats to the Future) (Monica 20 Min - can be extended 10 min)

Monica wanted to indicate we are still working on our budget, not a well baked draft, in stepping into 2026, we would like to be intentional. The draft budget proposal should be sent 2 weeks in advance. That's where that is today. Another line item is the email that people might have received . I know that you saw Jessica's response. I wanted to share that the flats to the future work, needs a full time dedicated organizer. We are patching flats to the future work together, we have been slow and careful. It is traumatizing. It unearths memories. We had the end of year celebration for the families that received the funding, the families who received the funds, as they were talking about the history and she fainted, she wasn't prepared. There are memories of houses being burned. The emotions are very real and valid. We need to be cautious. Oh the city did it (I'm not just going to say that) there is a big time about the delay and lack of response). We have all the emails to back this up. She was ready to see if they could extend the footprint. When they returned, they said the funds are gone, however starting in January there is a new bucket of money. I don't know if she will correspond to me. We hope she doesn't give up either. She is open for questions.

Nancy. Hasn't had racism done in my face. She saw how hard her dad worked to be catholic, we try to honor those losses. We should have an honoring ceremony (catholic, blessing maybe that's something we have). Now that it's resurfaced. Discussion of issue extension

Diego training January 10th to support immigration concerns

Confident about where they are at financially, probably not by the end of first quarter, rolling out do the interviews, not looking at april

6:55 Closed Session Monica Review and Raise (Coco and Board 20 min, can be extended))

(Result shared with Coco and Monica - Salary increase approved unanimously!)

7:15 Open Discussion/Celebrations (can be shortened)

7:45 Closing Goodbye and Celebrations (can be shortened 15 min)

8:00 Adjourn