**Mile High Chapter Meeting Minutes**
**Date:** July 30, 2025
**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:05 PM

**1. Attendance**

**Board Members Present:**

* Pipi Adams
* Andrea Fowler
* Cody Bair
* Shyanne Adams
* Shane Clark
* Kaylee Medina
* Zaina Lahsen

**Other Members Present (Alphabetical):**

* Audrey Marquez
* Barry Arnett
* Bishoy Fargala
* Delfina Rodriguez
* Dishon Spears
* Eliza Portugal
* Gary Van Dorn
* Ileen Gallegos
* Jamila Lane
* JP Mizara
* Lisa Bonderson
* Monique Melton
* Nate Hecker
* Roselyn Waagan
* Tim Keenen
* Zach Parks

**2. Approval of Minutes**

* Minutes presented by **Pipi Adams**.
* Motion to approve by **Shane Clark**, seconded by **Roselyn Waagan**.
* Motion carried.

**3. Treasurer’s Report (Shyanne Adams)**

* **Starting Balance:** $3,713.51
* **Income:** $10 (dues)
* **Expenses:** $50
	+ $25 PAC Plan
	+ $25 Annual Secretary of State Filing
* **Ending Balance:** $3,673.51
* Motion to accept by **Ileen Gallegos**, seconded by **Cody Bair**. Motion carried.

**4. Fundraising (Andrea Fowler)**

* Working on a casino trip with Grand Z Casino.
* Wine event postponed; will target late spring or early summer 2026 to allow more participation.
* Reminder of Chili Cook-Off in February.
* Open to additional small fundraising ideas.
* Andrea will chair the fundraising committee; members invited to join.

**5. Membership**

* No activities since the coffee meet-up.
* **Ileen Gallegos** will remain on the committee.
* **Roselyn Waagan** expressed interest in joining.
* Audrey Marquez would like to step off from the committee for the time being but may be interested in rejoining at a later date.

**6. CCB Alumni Update (Jamila Lane)**

* Movie event at Alamo Drafthouse on **August 12** (doors open at 5:00 PM).
* Movie: *Jurassic World Rebirth*.
* Tickets: $16; open to all, not just CCB alumni.
* Audio description will be played through regular speakers.
* Rose will sponsor a ticket for one member in need.
* Tickets available until day-of; 90 tickets total. Contact Jamila to purchase.

**7. Picnic Discussion**

* Scheduled for **September 13 at 1:00 PM** at the Colorado Center for the Blind.
* Committee: **Ileen Gallegos**, **Audrey Marquez**, **Zaina Lahsen**, in collaboration with Wild West Chapter.
* Motion by **Cody Bair** for Mile High Chapter to contribute **$350** for food costs (to be determined with Wild West); seconded by **Gary Van Dorn**. Motion carried.

**8. State Report**

* **Pipi Adams:** Convention scheduled for **October 30 – November 2** at the Westin in Westminster.
* Hotel block is open for reservations and registration is coming soon.
* **Cody Bair:** Updates on NFBCO Cruise and NFBCO Cruise Raffle.

**9. National Report**

* Presidential Release will begin playing monthly starting next meeting.
* Members shared highlights from National Convention, including:
	+ Banquet speech
	+ Merchants meeting
	+ Networking opportunities
	+ General sessions
	+ Hotel’s proximity to restaurants

**10. CCB Report (Delfina Rodriguez)**

* Garden and bees are thriving.
* Students and staff camped at Great Sand Dunes National Park; another group going next Monday.
* Mary Mahon (accountant) retiring; Center seeking new accountant (25–30 hours/week).

**11. Transit Report (Cody Bair)**

* Updates on Access on Demand (AOD) changes and RTD Board Meeting:
	+ RTD staff presented proposal at June meeting.
	+ Demonstration held with over 40 participants.
	+ Nearly 40 public comments on AOD changes (2 hours).
	+ Lengthy debate by RTD Board (2 hours).
	+ Amendments passed to:
		- Reduce fares to $4.50 and $2.50
		- Remove ¾-mile requirement from bus stop
		- Reinstate multiple-stop feature
	+ Due to fiscal concerns, proposal remanded to Safety & Operations Committee for revision; new proposal expected in September.

**12. Other Business**

* Zach and Myra need to pay dues; Cody to provide Zelle information.
* Zach Parks opening a massage parlor in Glenwood Springs over Labor Day weekend; invited members to attend grand opening.
* Gary Van Dorn sent an email to Colorado-Talk about East Colfax Bus Rapid Transit activities.

**13. Adjournment**

* Meeting adjourned at **7:31 PM**.

**Action Items**

1. **Andrea Fowler** – Continue planning casino trip; begin outreach for additional fundraising committee members.
2. **Andrea Fowler** and Delfina Rodriguez– Reschedule wine event for late spring or early summer 2026.
3. **Jamila Lane** – Coordinate ticket sales and promotion for August 12 movie event.
4. **Picnic Committee (Ileen, Audrey, Zaina, Wild West Chapter)** – Finalize food costs and logistics for September 13 picnic.
5. **Cody Bair** – Provide Zelle information to Zach and Myra for dues payment.