Mile High Chapter

# Meeting Minutes

Date: August 20, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Westgate Apartments and virtually via Zoom

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Pipi Adams at 6:00 PM.

## Presidential Release

The July 2025 Presidential Release (#551) was played. Transcript available at https://nfb.org.

## Attendance

Board Members Present:

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

Members Present:

* Alonzo Facha
* Audrey Marquez
* Christine Menges
* Eliza Portugal
* Ileene Gallegos
* Jessica Sears
* Jillian O’Connor
* Kijuana Chambers
* Mary Whitmire
* Martin Bacerra
* Myra Saldana

## Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the July minutes made by Shyanne Adams, seconded by Shane Clark. Motion carried.

## Treasurer’s Report – Shyanne Adams

Starting Balance: $3,673.51

Deposits: $0

Withdrawals: $25

Ending Balance: $3,648.51

Notes:

* - $1,500 check to NFBCO (national convention pledge) still needs to be written.
* - Signers updated to: Pipi, Cody, and Shyanne (previously Cody, Shane, and Gary).

Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report made by Cody Bair, seconded by Ileene Gallegos. Motion carried.

## Picnic – Ileene Gallegos

* Joint event with Wild West Chapter.
* Date/Time: September 13, 2025 | 1:30–4:30 PM | Location: CCB.
* Cost: $5 per person (includes food).
* Menu: Brats, hamburgers, hot dogs, vegetarian options, salads from Costco.
* Food ordered by Christine; RSVPs to Ileene.
* Kickball game planned; Paul will send announcement to Colorado-Talk.
* grilling offered by Zaina’s brother and Paul Jr.
* may have other games
* RSVP deadline: One week prior.
* Drinks provided by both chapters.
* Suggestion to reserve alternate location early next year if we want to have it somewhere else.
* Action Item: Pipi to connect Ileene with Rose (membership committee as they have still yet to connect).

## Fundraising – Andrea Fowler

* Discussion with Grand Z Casino for a Holiday Party/Fundraiser.
* Proposed Date: December 5, 2025 (preferred). Alternative: December 19.
* Transportation: Casino provides a bus (chapter pays 50% = $450).
* Potential Earnings: $1,550 if all tickets sold at $50 each.
* Casino to provide shuttle service; wheel chair accessibility being confirmed.
* Option for dinner at Grand Z (free with certain play levels).
* Negotiating possibility of casino donation based on funds played.
* Motion to move forward with December 5 fundraiser made by Cody Bair, seconded by Shyanne Adams. Motion carried.
* Action Item: Members interested in fundraising committee to contact Pipi.

## State Report

* 6 Dot Dash: No event in 2025. Next scheduled: May 30, 2026.
* Cruise Raffle: $20 per ticket or 6 for $100. Prize: Balcony cabin. Drawing at state convention banquet.
* State Convention: October 30 – November 2, 2025, at The Westin, Westminster.
* - Hotel block and registration now open.
* - Contact Lisa Bonderson (lbonderson@cocenter.org) for financial assistance.
* - Music-themed convention. Events include: music event (TBD)(Thursday), parents of blind children seminar , dining-around, breakout sessions, open mic night (Friday).
* Convention Fundraising:
* - Mile High may host an exhibit hall table.
* - Potential sales: Mile High brownies and banana bread (offered by Zaina). Must confirm hotel contract permits food sales.
* - Request for door prizes and auction item donations.

## CCB Report – Martin Bacerra

* Two graduations completed; three upcoming.
* Staff/students participated in Western Welcome Week parade.
* Fall rock climbing begins next Wednesday.
* Staff Update: Chaz Davis has accepted a job with DVR; today was his last day at CCB.
* Eliza shared highlights from recent camping trips at Great Sand Dunes.
* Fast Saturdays: Rock climbing available for blind children.

## Transportation

* Protest held outside RTD building regarding Access-on-Demand; many members attended.
* Grand opening of 16th Street Mall announced via Gary’s email.

## Other Business

* Bowling: Meeting this Saturday for those interested in joining the blind bowling league.
* New Members: JP, Alonzo, and Mary were welcomed into the chapter.
* Motion to approve membership made by Ileene Gallegos, seconded by Cody Bair. Motion carried.

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Ileene Gallegos, seconded by Shane Clark. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

## Action Items

* Shyanne to write $1,500 check to NFBCO (convention pledge).
* Pipi to connect Ileene with Rose (membership committee).
* Confirm Grand Z bus accessibility (Andrea).
* Confirm hotel policy on food sales for state convention (Pipi).
* Collect door prizes and auction item donations for convention (everyone).