**DRAFT** MINUTES OF
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
10:00 AM, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Jorge Maldonado, Chair, Nogales
David Gomez, 1st Vice Chair, Greenlee County
Arnold Lopez, Treasurer, Safford

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carolyn, Flowers, Sierra Vista-Virtually
Jose Grijalva, Douglas –Virtually
Mark Mermis, Cochise County PSR -Virtually
Luis Carlos Davis, Santa Cruz County
Chad Brown, Clifton
Marina Morales, Greenlee County PSR -Virtually
Brent Morris, Graham County PSR
Paul David, Graham County-By Proxy with Arnold Lopez
Alex Blake, Duncan -Virtually

**STAFF PRESENT:** Chris Vertrees, Executive Director/Transport Prog Manager
Dina Curtiss, Finance Manager
John Merideth, IT Manager
Heather Glenn, Administrative Assistant
Will Osborne, Community & Economic Development Manager
Celeste Vasquez, AAA Program Director
Angie Villareal, Administrative Assistant
Maria Valles, Community Coordinator

**I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INTRODUCTIONS**

A quorum was confirmed; Chair Jorge Maldonado called the public meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. MEMBER ENTITIES DISCUSSION**

**III. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one from the public was present.

**IV. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Consent Agenda**

**a. Approval of SEPTEMBER 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

The Board approved September 10, 2026, minutes. The agenda date was incorrect, but the minutes were accurate.

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**MOTION:** **David Gomez**
**SECOND:** **Jorge Maldonado**
**ACTION:** **Unanimous**

**2. FY2026 CDBG Applications**

William Osborne gave an overview of the CDBG applications and requested a motion for approval.

**MOTION:** **David** **Gomez**
**SECOND:** **Arnold** **Lopez**
**ACTION:** **Unanimous**

**3. FY2027 Policy Principles**
Chris Vertrees provided a background history of SEAGO's policy principles and emphasized FY2027 housing and rural transportation priorities. Mr. Vertrees then requested a motion to approve.

**MOTION:** **David** **Gomez**
**SECOND:** **Arnold** **Lopez**
**ACTION:** **Unanimous**

**4. Santa Cruz County Representative**
Mr. Vertrees provided an overview of Santa Cruz County Public Sector Representative history. Mr. Vertrees directed members to Mr. John Moffatt's resume, highlighting his vast experience. He then requested a motion to approve the appointment.

**MOTION:** **Dr. Luis Carlos Davis**
**SECOND:** **Arnold** **Lopez**
**ACTION:** **Unanimous**

**V. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Administrative Council Attendance**
Mr. Vertrees explained that the Executive Board had requested information on attendance participation by the Administrative Council Members and SEAGO Staff had omitted this report for the past two meetings but will continue to include it in future meetings.

**A. Future Meeting Dates**

Mr. Vertrees discussed the 2027 dates and adjustments were made due to avoid conflicts with the National Association of Counties (NACO) and the League of Arizona Cities and Towns.

**B. Quarterly Finance Report**

Dina Curtiss gave an update on the quarterly financial report and answered any questions.

**C. Community and Economic Development Program Updates**

William Osborne provided updates on community development and answered questions.

**D. CDBG Updates**

William Osborne gave updates on the current grant projects and answered questions.

**E. IT UPDATE**

John Merideth provided an update on IT and answered questions.

**F. AAA Legislative Updates**

Celeste Vasquez gave an update on legislative updates and answered questions.

**G. AAA Program Updates**

Celeste Vasquez provided an update on AAA programs and answered questions.

**H. Transportation Program Updates**

Chris Vertrees gave an update on Transportation and answered questions

**VII. Staff Announcements / Current Events**

Staff announcements were provided, and Heather Glenn Retiring from SEAGO Administrative Assistant was thanked for her service. The meeting concluded with recognition of Chair Jorge Maldonado's work while he was elected as Mayor of Nogales.

**VIII. Future Agenda Items**

Mr. Vertrees advised members that there will be need for an Executive Committee Meeting on December 3rd, 2026. He reminded members that everyone may participate, but only Board Officers may vote. Proposed Agenda will be the Brownfield Bids and RTAC Items
The next meeting will be held **February 18** at the SEAGO Office.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Maldonado Adjourn meeting at 12:00

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