



ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS
OF NORTHWEST COLORADO

MINUTES
AGNC EDD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 3, 2025
Via Zoom

ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2510562431> Password: 2462
PHONE: +1 (669) 900-6833 Meeting ID: 251 056 2431 Password: 2462

Called to order 12:30pm

EDD Update – Mistalynn Meyeraan presented an update and written report. The report is attached as Appendix A.

Economic Report – Dr. Nathan Perry presented a PowerPoint. His presentation slides can be viewed here: https://agnc.org/images/uploads/AGNC_Presentation_6.3.25.pdf

Next EDD meeting will be November 19, 2025, in Rifle.

Meeting adjourned – 1:18pm

Attendance:

VIA ZOOM	
Mistalynn Meyeraan	Toni Barrett
Tiffany Dickenson	Chris Nichols
Ray Beck	Cody Davis
Jeff Engell	Stan Harbaugh
Nina Anderson	Tinker Duclo
Allen Parker	Alicia Gresley
Drew Kramer	Business Incubator Center
Heather Jones	Sasha Nelson
Nathan Perry	Teri Cavanagh
Kirstie McPherson	Evan Zislis
Margie Joy	

APPENDIX A

AGNC Economic Development District Update

Reporting Period: January 1 – June 1, 2025

Key Accomplishments & Initiatives (Q1–Q2 2025)

- In March 2025, AGNC completed the launch of its **redesigned website (<https://agnc.org>)**, improving access to regional data, CEDS content, and business development resources, including the AGNC Small Business Toolkit. Thank you to the Rural Opportunity Office and Kami Collins for your support!
AGNC partnered with Dr. Nathan Perry of Colorado Mesa University to publish updated **Economic Impact Newsletters** for all five counties within the EDD for the 1st half of 2025. These newsletters are now available online and provide critical insights into local economies. Access them here: <https://agnc.org/economic-development/research-whitepapers>
- As part of its commitment to statewide collaboration, AGNC served as a regional advisor in the development of Colorado’s Statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (**Statewide CEDS**), providing input through the Rural Opportunity Office to ensure accurate representation of Western Slope priorities.
- AGNC submitted a **DOLA Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) grant** application on behalf of a geothermal company in Moffat County. The project has been recommended for approval to the Executive Director of DOLA, supporting energy innovation and economic diversification.
- Through the DOLA-funded Mini-Grant Program, **AGNC awarded \$50,000 across 11 projects in Region 11**. These grants enable municipal governments to pursue high-impact planning, infrastructure, or business development initiatives without delay. Award winners include New Castle, Craig, De Beque, Meeker, Rangely, Silt, Palisade, Fruita, Palisade, and Rifle.
- Grant support for the Town of Rangely CPW Outdoors Equity Grant, Middle Colorado Watershed Council – multiple grant opportunities, Wolf Creek Reservoir research.
- In March 2025, AGNC submitted a **letter of support for a congressional funding request to improve Rangely’s Airport and support CNCC’s aviation program**. The request aligns with CEDS Goal D on extraordinary infrastructure, and addresses workforce and economic diversification priorities. Congressman Jeff Hurd has since recommended the project for federal appropriations consideration.
- **Other letters of support** include IRS Early Withdrawal Exemption, AAoA Funding Cuts, and Congressionally Directed Spending Request for the Northwest Colorado Innovation Center.
- Watch for more on the **Enterprise Zone Redesignation**.
- **Mistalynn Meyeraan selected as Emerging Leader**: Mistalynn was named one of only eight participants in the NADO Emerging Leaders Pilot Program for the EDA Denver District. She will represent rural Colorado in national leadership development sessions focused on inclusive, forward-thinking economic development strategies.
- AGNC began planning its **10th Annual Economic Development Summit**, scheduled for August 2025. This event will bring together regional leaders to discuss innovation, workforce, infrastructure, and rural economic transformation.

Challenges & Constraints

- A freeze on certain federal infrastructure funds has caused delays in project implementation, affecting timelines for shovel-ready efforts supported by AGNC and its partners.

Next EDD Engagement

- The next scheduled EDD meeting will take place in November 2025.



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26 AUGUST 2025

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Trailblazer Partner: \$5,000 (Presenting Partner)

Symbolizing the leaders forging new paths and setting the course for others.

- Logo displayed on agenda, program and advertising for the event
- Recognition throughout summit includes opportunity to address the group at lunch
- Banner displayed at front of the event
- Logo displayed on AGNC website in connection with event
- Eight (8) free registrations to event with VIP Table

Pathfinder Partner: \$2,500 (Associate Partner)

For those who help identify opportunities and support forward movement.

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Navigator Partner: \$1,500 (Supporting Partner)

Representing the strategic minds guiding regional growth.

- Logo on agenda & program
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- Two (2) free registrations to event

Settler Partner: \$750 (General Partner)

For those establishing a strong presence and contributing foundational support.

- Name printed on agenda and program
- One (1) free registration to event

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