

## Meeting Minutes District 4 Coalition – April 15, 2026

In attendance: Academy North, Alameda No. Valley, Arroyo del Oso North, Cherry Hills, Del Norte NA, Heritage East, North Domingo Baca NA, Quail Springs, Quintessence, Vineyard Estates.

Friends of D4C: Irene Minke, James Alteanato

Guests: R Salazar, Legislative aid.

Meeting called to order by President Lorna Howerton at 6:32PM. A Quorum was met.

Approval of Minutes from March 18, 2026 meeting: Willie Orr moved to accept. Judie Pellegrino 2<sup>nd</sup> – Motion passed

Approval of Agenda for March 18, 2026: Approved as presented.

Guest Speakers:

Marian Mathews, Representative District 27

Kathleen Cates, Representative District 44

2026 Legislative Session Update topics presented and discussed:

MMathews

Health Care – State compacts – Physician and Social worker Compacts passed

-- Reform of Medical Malpractice

KCates

Health Care – reduced debt for medical students

Water Management – Project to measure aquifers, desalination projects

Disability rights – providing \$'s for sports/activity type prosthetics

Nurses – Educations difficulties and safe nurse staffing and work environment

Future Legislative session issues – Hearing on “produced water” – What is it? Can it help NM water situation?

New Business:

Judie Pellegrino informed group of a Youth Facility project targeting teens aging out of foster care which Dawn Marie is personally involved with. D4C Members were asked to support this effort by collecting and donating items needed for residents. Contact Judie with any questions or how to make donations. She will keep group informed of status of this worthwhile project.

A Board meeting is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm at NDBMC.

Councilwoman Bassan has been unable to attend several meetings. Members would like to know if she would be able to send a representative (e.g. Dawn Marie) to attend in her absence.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm

Next meeting May 20, 2026