



Acceso Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 15th, 2026, | 5:30pm – 8:00pm
STEAM on the Platte | Board Meeting

Acceso Board Members Present: Maite L., Vallerie B., Angelica G., Rocio A., Maria Jose T., Miguel J., Lizbeth B., Marisa K.

OCR Staff: Daniela A., Sonya U., Ben S., Gabriela R.

1. Meeting Called to Order

- a. Meeting called order at 6:00PM

2. Clerk Speak

- a. The Clerk has tasked our Elections division three important tasks/questions for the upcoming election.
 - i. Staying up to date and revise our election night reporting, being more transparent and being able to provide a good estimate on election night.
 - ii. Who is it that is not voting?
 - 1. Working collaboratively with our partners to figure out who that is and come up with possible solutions.
 - iii. Who are the people that are voting in-person on election day?
 - 1. According to our data, millenials are the ones that are voting in-person on election day and when we break the data down even more, majority are unaffiliated voters.
 - iv. Question from Acceso: what does the data show for minor parties?
 - 1. Clerk: Minor parties do not get a ballot for primary elections, but we can get data for minor parties.

3. Board Business

- a. VOTE: Approve Minutes: March 18th, 2026

MOTION by Maria Jose Board Member.

Second by Lizbeth B., Board Member.

Moved to approve. All in favor.

4. Election Policy Updates: Ben Schler, Senior Policy Advisor

- a. **Elections Executive Order (March 31, 2026)**
 - i. Municipal and legal funding (General funding, etc.)
- b. **SAVE America Act (Passed U.S. House of Representatives, April 2025)**
 - i. Documentary proof of citizenship to register to vote
 - ii. Photo ID required to vote
 - iii. Congress can pass laws that states would have to abide by. However, thus far there has been no laws that congress has passed.



d. **State Legislation** - **HB 26-1113** - The Senate

e. **Denver Legislation**

i. **Lobbying reform bill**

1. Updates Denver's lobbyist reporting law for better transparency

a. Examples: if you are a lobbyist and are being paid \$1,000 or more you are required to file with our office, who the client is, what bills you are lobbying, who you met with, what kind of business your client is in., etc.

ii. **Potential Charter Amendment**

1. Budget independence for independently elected Auditor and Clerk & Recorder

a. DCR is not looking to completely change the city charter, but more advocating for independent agencies to advocate for their budget.

f. Questions from Acceso:

i. Is there a way to be more transparent about wait times?

ii. Would there be a way to do a e-check in for VSPC, in-person voting? Like the DMV...?

5. High School & College Civic Engagement: **Gabriela Rodriguez, Community Engagement Associate**

a. The **Colorado High School Deputy Registrar Program** is a statutory mandate that permits high schools to provide voter registration service on their campus.

b. A **deputy registrar** is the principal or designee who receives training and information about voter registration to provide this service for their school community.

c. **County Clerks** are tasked with providing the necessary training and materials schools require to provide voter registration at schools.

d. During the **2026 school year**, 52 DPS high schools received an invitation to participate in the program.

e. There are currently 25 schools that accepted an invitation for a voter registration training.

i. Of those 25 schools, 10 staff members signed an oath.

f. **Lack of consistent engagement of schools:** interest/understanding by school leadership, lack of internal school capacity, staff turnover, and concerns about political climate.

g. **Inefficiencies in program administration for county clerk offices:** providing training and completing oath of office, maintaining current lists, staff turnover, VR implementation resources, and meeting baseline statutory requirements

6. Current Translation Needs:



- a. DCR translation approach
 - i. **TIER 1:** External Vendors (CLC) -- primary (1st tier) translation and all simultaneous interpretation need
 - ii. **TIER 2:** Staff role: 2nd Tier Review; use the approved glossary for support
 - iii. **TIER 3:** Acceso's role: 3rd Tier Review; approval of glossary
- b. 2026 Key Messages and Acceso Goals & Objectives
- c. DCR Spanish Glossary
- d. 2026 Primary Ballot Language
 - i. ENGLISH: There are no candidates for this office.
 - ii. SPANISH: No hay candidato para este cargo.
 - iii. ACCESO Options:
 1. Candidatura Vacante
 2. Sin candidatos para este cargo
 3. Sin Candidato(a)

7. Upcoming Events

- a. **Election judge job fair: April 23rd from 9am-noon @DCR**
 - i. Sending flyer to Internship offices at college campuses
 - ii. Potentially joining a bigger Job Fair
 - iii. Sending flyer to Humanities offices
 - iv. Question from Acceso: where are all the locations that we post EJ jobs?
- b. **Cinco de Mayo en Westwood – DCR Booth & Sponsorship**
 - i. Saturday, May 2nd from 12pm – 6pm
 1. Dany is lead with Acceso volunteers
 - ii. Sunday, May 3rd from 11am – 5pm
 1. Sonya is lead with LWV volunteers

8. Adjourn at 8:09 PM