



Acceso Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, January 24, 2026, | 9:00am – 1:00pm
STEAM on the Platte | Board Retreat

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

OCR Staff: Daniela A., Sonya U.

1. Meeting Called to Order

- a. Meeting called order at 9:00AM

2. Board Business

- a. VOTE: Approve Minutes: October 15, 2025

MOTION by Vallerie B. Board Member.
Second by Maria Jose T., Board Member.
Moved to approve. All in favor.

- b. VOTE: Slate of New Acceso Board Members; Cynthia B., Lizbeth B., Miguel J.

MOTION by Maite L. Board Member.
Second by Maria Jose T. Board Member.
Moved to approve. All in favor.

- c. VOTE: 3rd term for Maria Jose T.

MOTION by Maite L. Board Member.
Second by Angelica G. Board Member.
Moved to approve. All in favor.

- d. VOTE: 2026 Chair and Vice Chair Roles; Maite L. (Chair) & Angelica G., (Vice Chair)

MOTION by Rocio A. Board Member.
Second by Cynthia B. Board Member.
Moved to approve. All in favor.

3. Setting the Stage

- a. Roles and Responsibilities
 - i. Collaboration and Communication
 - ii. Board and Engagement
 - iii. Planning and Compliance
- b. Key Accomplishments 2025
 - i. Spanish speaking officiants for marriage marathons.
 - ii. Denver Vota Sin Miedo Campaign
 - iii. Improved Spanish-language ballot translations
 - iv. Increased turnout for a coordinate election: 39.23%



- v. Welcomed Rocio and recruited 3 new board members
- vi. Successfully advocated for the DCR's 2026 budget

4. Acceso Goal Planning

- a. 2025-2027 Goals
 - i. Advance Democracy through civic engagement and voter participation
 - ii. Deepen DCR's language access approach
 - iii. Strengthening advocacy and ensuring board compliance
 - iv. Engage communities through a culturally competent approach
- b. Acceso 2026 Goal Discussion:
 - i. What are Acceso's priorities this year?
 - ii. **Goal 1:**
 - 1. Social Media
 - a. Democratizing information
 - 2. Voter Education
 - a. Using teach-ins/workshops.
 - b. Develop digestible blurbs of what is on the ballot
 - c. Is this something we incorporate in Civic Cafecitos.
 - 3. Connecting with DYS – Denver Youth Service
 - a. Meeting youth where they are at.
 - b. Doing pre-registration 15–17-year-olds.
 - 4. Address misinformation
 - a. Giving voters confidence in the election process
 - b. Social media, podcasts, influencers, streamers.
 - 5. Supporting Know Your Rights Workshops
 - a. Voter rights and regarding safety/ICE.
 - 6. Civic Education in Spanish/Civics 101.
 - a. Materials in Spanish.
 - b. Basic voting or political education materials.
 - iii. **Goal 1: What is Acceso's role in the above and what can Acceso take on? Where does Acceso plug in the above?**
 - 1. Presence at events.
 - 2. Speaking engagements and have Acceso facilitate.
 - 3. Cafecitos as Op-Eds in Spanish
 - 4. Amplifying the message in Spanish speaking communities.
 - 5. Creating a speaker's bureau
 - 6. Social Media Channels presence/Spanish Language Media
 - iv. **Goal 2: Familiarity**
 - 1. Culturally relevant for folks to understand.
 - a. Tie into Cafecito's or Ballot Parties.



- b. Looking at translations.
 2. Moving towards non-English centered events
 3. Consider education levels.
 4. Content that grabs youth attention.
 5. Increase our budget for Language Access
 6. Increase quality of vendor translations
 - v. **Goal 3:**
 1. Interactive education experience
 2. Voter-jeopardy – Election Loteria
 3. Acceso Social media
 - a. Will circle back
 4. More connection to city council relationships
 5. Acceso representation in tabletop exercises
 6. Acceso's role in recruiting Spanish speaking election judges.
 7. Research data and using it at a back-up
 8. Thinking about board recruitment and bringing back committees.
 - vi. **Goal 4:**
 1. Idea of Quinceanera Campaign for 15-year-old pre-registration
 2. New Citizen Ceremonies
 3. Spanish only events
 4. Spanish language media
 5. Spanish speaking RNO' s
 - a. Westwood Unidos
 - b. Montbello 2020
 - c. La Alma – bilingual
 6. Community Academy with local consulates.
 - vii. **Strategic Partnership Ecosystem**
 1. Business
 2. Places of worship
 - a. Catholic Churches
 3. DPS – Plaza Programming
- 5. DCR Translation Recommendation**
 - a. Formalize a recommendation on quality.
 - i. Acceso agrees on that ChatGPT translation is very much more understandable – striking that it comes close to Acceso's translation.
 1. However, AI is not something that Acceso would like to push forward.
 2. Also inputting ballot language in ChatGPT is it is no longer ours.
 3. Critical understanding was compared with CLC and LL.



4. Are boundaries being communicated to vendors just like how you give ChatGPT boundaries.
5. Language Line and CLC are off by one or two words.
6. Language Line is more private versus CLC is more local and probably open to collaboration.
7. Language Line has more Spain Spanish translation versus Latin American Spanish
8. Typically for translators don't have contact with the end vendor for Corporate.
9. Improving language basis with CLC but would like more of a collab with Acceso.
10. Is there an ordinance or law that syas which city agencies get translated.
11. Acceso agreed to move forward with CLC with the agreement/recommendation that CLC stay in contact with Acceso because our Spanish glossary.
 - a. DCR will get more info on the contract that DCR has with CLC and the parameters.
 - b. Acceso would also like to know if CLC is using AI for translation because if we move forward with CLC and they use AI then why couldn't Acceso move forward with AI.

MOTION by Maria Jose T. Board Member.

Second by Vallerie B. Board Member

Moved to approve. All in favor.

6. Board Logistics

- a. Meeting occurrence
 - i. Proposing meeting dates leading up to elections.
 1. Leading up to the Primary Election
 - a. Wednesday's
 - i. March 18
 - ii. April 15
 - iii. May 20
 2. Leading up to the General Mid-Term election
 - a. Wednesday's
 - i. August 19
 - ii. September 16
 - iii. October 21
 3. Meeting Location: STEAM on the Platte



4. Meeting time: soft start 5:30 – 6:00pm | Meeting time 6:00pm – 8:00pm
 - b. Signal Chat
 - c. Update email contact info for all members
 - d. Update website with bios and pictures.
7. **Adjourn at 11:46am.**