

# **Southwestern Area Workforce Development Board**

## **Youth and Young Adult Committee Meeting Agenda**

**Mesilla Community Center**  
2251 Calle de Santiago  
Mesilla, NM 88046

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**Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. (MDT)**

*Ms. Debbie Schoonover – Chair*  
*Ms. Cassie Arias-Ward – Vice-Chair*

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Welcome**
- III. Roll Call and Abstentions**
- IV. \*Public Comments (3-Minute Limit)**
- V. Approval of Agenda**
- VI. Action Items**
  - a. Approval of July 21, 2026, meeting summary **pg. 4**
- VII. Discussion Items**
  - a. Overview of Grant Agreement and Service Provider Agreement **pg. 8**
  - b. Youth Service Provider update **pg. 9**
  - c. Outreach and Initiatives **pg. 10**
  - d. Membership Update **pg. 11**
- VIII. Member Input**
- IX. Next Meeting**

**X. Adjournment**

\*Public comments can be emailed to [sawdb@employnm.com](mailto:sawdb@employnm.com) before August 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. (MDT). All public comments will be read at the meeting in the order received.



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# *Action Items*

## DRAFT OF MEETING SUMMARY

|                                |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Meeting                        | : | <b>Youth and Young Adult Committee</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Date and time                  | : | July 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Location of Meeting            | : | Mesilla Town Hall<br>2231 Avenida de Mesilla<br>Mesilla, NM 88046                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Chairperson                    | : | Cassie Arias-Ward                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Members Attending              | : | <b>Present:</b> Cassie Arias-Ward*, Tricia Brainard*, Alisa Estrada*, Anton Salome*, Mary Ulrich<br><b>Absent:</b> Jacqueline Fryar (ex-officio), Debbie Schoonover (With Cause)<br><b>Staff:</b> Skylar Arnold*, Fayth Grijalva, Angela Longovia*, Glory Juarez, Diana Luchini*<br>*attended virtually |
| Guests in Attendance           | : | Manuela Castillo*, Leroy Garcia*, Marissa Molano*, Monica Perry*, Sarah Raney*, Marlene Thomas-Herrera*                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Summary submitted by/Signature | : | Fayth Grijalva, Administrative Specialist                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Next Meeting                   | : | August 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

| #  | Agenda Item                        | Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 1. | <b>Call to order</b>               | Ms. Arias-Ward called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.<br>Ms. Arias-Ward approved virtual attendance for online members.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2. | <b>Welcome</b>                     | Ms. Arias-Ward welcomed the attendees.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 3. | <b>Roll Call &amp; Abstentions</b> | Ms. Grijalva called roll; there were no abstentions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 4. | <b>Public Comment</b>              | No public comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 5. | <b>Approval of Agenda</b>          | Mr. Salome motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Ulrich. Motion passed. The roll call vote was as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Arias-Ward – yes</li> <li>• Ms. Brainard – yes</li> <li>• Ms. Estrada – yes</li> <li>• Mr. Salome – yes</li> <li>• Ms. Ulrich– yes</li> </ul> |

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| 6. | <b>Action Items</b>     | <p>a) Approval of April 21, 2026, meeting summary<br/>Ms. Ulrich motioned to approve the summary, seconded by Mr. Salome. Motion passed. The roll call vote was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Arias-Ward – yes</li> <li>• Ms. Brainard – yes</li> <li>• Ms. Estrada – yes</li> <li>• Mr. Salome – yes</li> <li>• Ms. Ulrich – yes</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 7. | <b>Discussion Items</b> | <p>a) Grant Agreement Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Juarez discussed new DWS grant requirements for a standing youth committee, noting the Board is already compliant with a standing committee, but the frequency needs to be changed to monthly or create a subcommittee. She recommended maintaining the current committee but suggested more action-focused meetings with expanded membership.</li> <li>• Members agreed to maintain the current committee without creating an additional subcommittee and expand membership to include individuals outside of the Board.</li> </ul> <p>b) New Youth Service Provider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Ulrich presented the NMSU &amp; DACC 2026–2029 plan, highlighting targets, barriers, program design, and Q1 activities.</li> </ul> <p>c) Youth Service Provider Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Thomas-Herrera reported for the Alamo Navajo Reservation in Socorro County for PY25 Q4 (April, May, and June). She addressed enrollments, total budget expenditure reports, and services. She also shared in-school and out-of-school success stories.</li> <li>• Ms. Juarez explained there was no EQUUS presentation, as the same report had been provided at the previous Board meeting.</li> </ul> <p>d) Industry Forums</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Juarez requested time to collaborate with the new Youth Service Provider to reevaluate the Youth Industry Forum and will return with a recommendation on how to best move these initiatives forward.</li> <li>• Ms. Arias-Ward shared additional school contacts and offered to help coordinate with workforce partners as the Youth Industry Forum and related initiatives are reevaluated.</li> </ul> <p>e) Youth Group Sub-Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Juarez shared that a public notice was issued for youth interested, but no responses were received. She will work with the Youth Service Provider to reevaluate options and bring back a recommendation</li> </ul> |

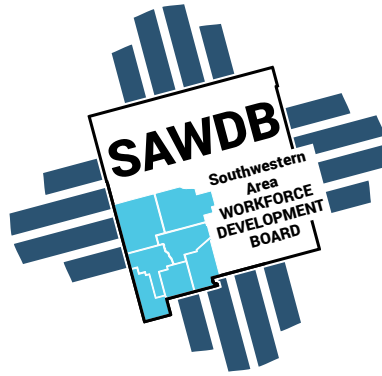
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| 8.  | <b>Member Input</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Arias-Ward provided an update on Deming's "Own Your Future" week-long boot camp, which prepares students through career readiness activities, employer presentations, mock interviews, and internship/employment opportunities.</li> <li>Mr. Salome shared that the Office of Broadband Access and Expansion will host a broadband training and certification class at the Socorro America's Job Center on August 3, with efforts underway to increase participation from surrounding communities.</li> </ul> |
| 9.  | <b>Next Meeting</b> | Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10. | <b>Adjournment</b>  | Ms. Arias-Ward adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

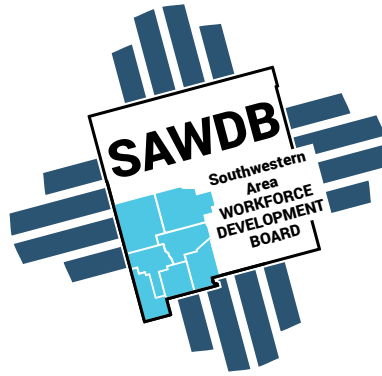


# *Discussion Items*



# *Overview of Grant Agreement and Service Provider Agreement*





# *Youth Service Provider Update*



# *Outreach and Initiatives*



# *Membership Update*



# *Member Input*



# *Next Meeting*

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***Meeting Adjourned***

***Thank You for  
Attending***

***Have a great day!***