

MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting	:	Youth and Young Adult Committee
Date and time	:	July 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
Location of Meeting	:	Mesilla Town Hall 2231 Avenida de Mesilla Mesilla, NM 88046
Chairperson	:	Cassie Arias-Ward
Members Attending	:	Present: Cassie Arias-Ward*, Tricia Brainard*, Alisa Estrada*, Anton Salome*, Mary Ulrich Absent: Jacqueline Fryar (ex-officio), Debbie Schoonover (With Cause) Staff: Skylar Arnold*, Fayth Grijalva, Angela Longovia*, Glory Juarez, Diana Luchini* *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
1.	Call to order	Ms. Arias-Ward called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. Ms. Arias-Ward approved virtual attendance for online members.
2.	Welcome	Ms. Arias-Ward welcomed the attendees.
3.	Roll Call & Abstentions	Ms. Grijalva called roll; there were no abstentions.
4.	Public Comment	No public comment
5.	Approval of Agenda	Mr. Salome motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Ulrich. Motion passed. The roll call vote was as follows: • Ms. Arias-Ward – yes • Ms. Brainard – yes • Ms. Estrada – yes • Mr. Salome – yes • Ms. Ulrich – yes

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6.	Action Items	a) Approval of April 21, 2026, meeting summary Ms. Ulrich motioned to approve the summary, seconded by Mr. Salome. Motion passed. The roll call vote was as follows: • Ms. Arias-Ward – yes • Ms. Brainard – yes • Ms. Estrada – yes • Mr. Salome – yes • Ms. Ulrich – yes
7.	Discussion Items	a) Grant Agreement Requirements • 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. • Members agreed to maintain the current committee without creating an additional subcommittee and expand membership to include individuals outside of the Board. b) New Youth Service Provider • Ms. Ulrich presented the NMSU & DACC 2026–2029 plan, highlighting targets, barriers, program design, and Q1 activities. c) Youth Service Provider Reports • 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. • Ms. Juarez explained there was no EQUUS presentation, as the same report had been provided at the previous Board meeting. d) Industry Forums • 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. • 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. e) Youth Group Sub-Committee • 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

8.	Member Input	- 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. - 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.
9.	Next Meeting	Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
10.	Adjournment	Ms. Arias-Ward adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.

Attested: Debbi Schreiner

Date 8-18-26