DRAFT OF 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: ____ Date____________________