

Southwestern Area Workforce Development Board

Youth and Young Adult Committee Meeting Agenda

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Wednesday, January 21, 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. Discussion or Motion for Recommendation Items**
 - a. Approval of May 15, 2025, meeting summary **pg. 3**
 - b. Industry Forums **pg. 6**
 - c. Youth Group Sub-Committee **pg. 7**
 - d. Youth Service Provider Reports **pg. 8**
- VII. Member Input**
- VIII. Next Meeting**
- IX. Adjournment**

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Discussion or Motion for Recommendation Items

DRAFT OF MEETING SUMMARY

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| Meeting | : | Youth and Young Adult Committee |
| Date and time | : | May 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. |
| Location of Meeting | : | Virtual via Zoom or Phone To join the meeting by phone, dial (346) 248-7799, then enter Meeting ID: 830 5808 8015 To join meeting online via Zoom, go to: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83058088015 |
| Chairperson | : | Debbie Schoonover |
| Members Attending | : | Present: Alisa Estrada, Anton Salome, Debbie Schoonover, Marlene Thomas-Herrera, Mary Ulrich, Sylvia Washington (ex-officio) Absent: Cassie Arias-Ward (With Cause) Staff: Fayth Grijalva, Glory Juarez, Angela Longovia, Diana Luchini, Melissa Ochoa, Krisye Shook, Jaymi Simms |
| Guests in Attendance | : | Rosina Espinoza, Peter Martinez, Marissa Molano, Giselle Palomares, Haydee Ramirez, Sarah Raney, Joshua Stroller |
| Summary submitted by/Signature | : | Fayth Grijalva, Administrative Specialist |
| Next Meeting | : | August 21, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. |

| # | Agenda Item | Summary |
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| 1. | Call to order | Ms. Schoonover called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. |
| 2. | Welcome | Ms. Schoonover 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 | Ms. Estrada motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Ulrich. Motion passed. The roll call vote was as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Estrada – yes • Mr. Salome – yes • Ms. Schoonover – yes • Ms. Thomas-Herrera– yes • Ms. Ulrich– yes |
| 6. | Discussion or Motion for Recommendation Items | a) Approval of January 31, 2025, meeting summary Mr. Salome motioned to approve the summary, seconded by Ms. Ulrich. Motion passed. The roll call vote was as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Estrada – yes • Mr. Salome – yes • Ms. Schoonover – yes • Ms. Thomas-Herrera– yes • Ms. Ulrich– yes |

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| | | <p>b) Industry Forums</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Juarez shared that the second Industry Forum was held on April 23 at Gadsden Charter High School District in Santa Teresa. The event featured a panel of experts from various healthcare-related careers, and about 43 students attended. The next forum will be held in Luna County. Ms. Juarez said that surveys from both panelists and students showed 100% satisfaction with the event. Ms. Longovia shared survey results. <p>c) Youth Group Sub-Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Juarez mentioned that progress on the Youth Group Sub-Committee was limited due to the focus on the Industry Forums. She said the goal is to send the notice this summer and launch it in the next program year. <p>d) Youth Service Provider Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Thomas-Herrera reported for the Alamo Navajo Reservation in Socorro County for PY24 Q3 (January, February, and March). She addressed enrollments, goals, budget expenditure reports, and training opportunities. She added that three students are training for their CDL permits. Ms. Estrada asked where the CDL training is being held. Ms. Thomas-Herrera responded that they have an MOU with Training New Mexico in Roswell. Ms. Ulrich suggested discussing the challenges of obtaining a CDL permit, as the truck driving program is coordinated with the adult education program at Doña Ana Community College. Ms. Ramirez presented for Equus. She shared PY24 Q3 (January, February, and March) enrollments by funding stream, work experience, employment, obligations by activity, and program priorities. |
| 7. | Member Input | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Ulrich noted a proposed bill currently in pocket veto, Senate Bill 480, requiring the Public Education Department to create an annual report of all school-age students who have not graduated from high school. This report would be shared with postsecondary institutions, school districts, adult education providers, and workforce development programs. She emphasized how this could greatly assist in identifying out-of-school youth who need services. Ms. Juarez mentioned that although she recently met with the Secretary of the Department of Workforce Solutions for a legislative update, this bill was not discussed. She said she will contact the Secretary for any additional information she may have. Ms. Estrada thanked Haydee and the team for attending the Teen Health College Career Fair. Ms. Schoonover thanked everyone for their presentations and time. |
| 8. | Next Meeting | Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom |

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| 9. | Adjournment | Ms. Schoonover adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m. |

Attested: _____

Date _____



Industry Forums



Youth Group Sub-Committee



Service Providers Reports:

*Youth Services
Alamo Navajo School Board*

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Equus Workforce Solutions*



Service Provider Report:

Youth Services

Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc.



Service Provider Report:

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Member Input



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Meeting Adjourned

***Thank You for
Attending***

Have a great day!