

DRAFT OF MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting	:	Youth and Young Adult Committee
Date and time	:	September 22, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
Location of Meeting	:	Mesilla Community Center 2251 Calle de Santiago Mesilla, NM 88046
Chairperson	:	Debbie Schoonover
Members Attending	:	Present: Cassie Arias-Ward*, Alisa Estrada*, Anton Salome*, Debbie Schoonover, Mary Ulrich, Jeff Waugh Absent: Tricia Brainard (without cause), Jacqueline Fryar (ex-officio), Sylvia Ulloa (with cause) Staff: Fayth Grijalva, Glory Juarez, Angela Longovia, Diana Luchini*, Krisye Shook* *attended virtually
Guests in Attendance	:	Dr. Sam Arungwa*, Marissa Molano*, Giselle Palomares*, Sarah Raney*, Karena Vazquez Levario*
Summary submitted by/Signature	:	Fayth Grijalva, Administrative Specialist
Next Meeting	:	November 17, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

#	Agenda Item	Summary
1.	Call to order	Ms. Schoonover called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Ms. Schoonover approved virtual attendance for online members.
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. Ulrich motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Estrada. Motion passed. The roll call vote was as follows: • Ms. Estrada – yes • Mr. Salome – yes • Ms. Schoonover– yes • Ms. Ulrich– yes • Mr. Waugh – yes

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6.	Action Items	a) Approval of August 18, 2026, meeting summary Ms. Ulrich motioned to approve the summary, seconded by Mr. Waugh. Motion passed. The roll call vote was as follows: • Ms. Estrada – yes • Mr. Salome – yes • Ms. Schoonover– yes • Ms. Ulrich– yes • Mr. Waugh – yes Cassie joined the meeting at 2:07 p.m.
7.	Discussion Items	a) Youth Service Provider Reports • Ms. Ulrich presented the NMSU & DACC 2026–2029 plan, program updates for September, inquiries and enrollments, partnerships and outreach, career and life skills academy, and activities in quarter one. • Members discussed housing and job market challenges. Ms. Ulrich mentioned Gregg Colburn’s presentation, “Homelessness Is a Housing Problem,” and said she would provide the YouTube link for staff to share. • Ms. Molano presented for Equus. She shared PY25 enrollments by program, Individual Training Accounts by sector, supportive services, a participant success story, and employed youth exiters. • Ms. Padilla reported for the Alamo Navajo Reservation in Socorro County for PY25 Q4 (April, May, and June). She addressed enrollment goals, actual expenditures, an in-school success story, an out-of-school success story, and services. b) Outreach and Initiatives • Ms. Juarez said Ms. Ulrich covered most of the outreach and initiatives in her presentation and welcomed any additional recommendations or discussion from members. c) Membership Update • Ms. Juarez provided an update on expanding Youth Committee membership, with about 11 recommendations going through the process for nominations and appointments. She recommended returning meetings to a quarterly schedule following the updated DWS guidance, and members agreed.
8.	Member Input	• Ms. Schoonover thanked Mr. Waugh for joining the committee and thanked members for attending.
9.	Next Meeting	Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
10.	Adjournment	Ms. Schoonover adjourned the meeting at 3:07 pm.

Attested: _____

Date _____