

Southwestern Area Workforce Development Board

Youth and Young Adult Committee Meeting Agenda

Mesilla Town Hall
2231 Avenida de Mesilla
Mesilla, NM 88046

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Tuesday, April 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 January 21, 2026, meeting summary **pg. 3**
 - b. Industry Forums **pg. 5**
 - c. Youth Group Sub-Committee **pg. 6**
 - d. Youth Service Provider Reports **pg. 7**
- VII. Member Input**
- VIII. Next Meeting**
- IX. Adjournment**

*Public comments can be emailed to sawdb@employnm.com before April 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. (MDT). All public comments will be read at the meeting in the order received.



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Discussion or Motion for Recommendation Items

DRAFT OF MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting	: Youth and Young Adult Committee
Date and time	: January 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.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: Tricia Brainard, Alisa Estrada, Anton Salome, Debbie Schoonover, Mary Ulrich Absent: Cassie Arias-Ward (With Cause), Jacqueline Fryar (ex-officio) Staff: Fayth Grijalva, Diana Luchini, Melissa Ochoa, Krisye Shook, Jaymi Simms
Guests in Attendance	: Rosina Espinoza, Leroy Garcia, Evicta Harvey, Bonnie Martinez, Kathryn Myrick, Juanisha Padilla, Monica Perry, Chris Ruiz, Karena Vazquez-Levario
Summary submitted by/Signature	: Fayth Grijalva, Administrative Specialist
Next Meeting	: April 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

#	Agenda Item	Summary
1.	Call to order	Ms. Schoonover called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.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 Mr. Salome. Motion passed. The roll call vote was as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Brainard – yes • Ms. Estrada – yes • Mr. Salome – yes • Ms. Schoonover– yes • Ms. Ulrich– yes
6.	Discussion or Motion for Recommendation Items	a) Approval of May 15, 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. Brainard – yes • Ms. Estrada – yes • Mr. Salome – yes • Ms. Schoonover– yes • Ms. Ulrich– yes

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		<p>b) Industry Forums</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no updates available at this time. Ms. Grijalva will email updates. <p>c) Youth Group Sub-Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no updates available at this time. Ms. Grijalva will email updates. <p>d) Youth Service Provider Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Padilla reported for the Alamo Navajo Reservation in Socorro County for PY25 Q2 (October, November, and December). She addressed enrollments, total budget expenditure reports, employment opportunities, and training opportunities. She added that the high school students are enrolled in leadership classes. • Ms. Brainard inquired about current student enrollment relative to program goals, a comparison of budgeted versus actual expenditures, and a breakdown of participant enrollment by program, and asked if we could possibly include this information in a future report. • Ms. Brainard asked about the partnerships. Ms. Padilla stated they are partnered with Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) in Albuquerque, where students travel to participate. • Mr. Salome stated there is a program in Socorro that could benefit her participants, and he asked her to contact him for more information. • Ms. Brainard asked about student participation in employment opportunities and noted that it would be helpful for this information to be included in future reports. • Mr. Ruiz presented for Equus. He shared PY25 Q2 (October, November, and December) participation, employment, barriers, obligations by activity, and upcoming Youth Industry Forum Partnerships. • Ms. Brainard asked questions related to TABE testing and discussed the possibility of collaborating with DACC to utilize lab resources. • Ms. Brainard asked if the results of the TABE testing are reviewed with students. Mr. Ruiz and Ms. Padilla confirmed that results are reviewed with participants, using the same system.
7.	Member Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ulrich stated she received a request for a new Youth Committee member, has contacted Glory, and the staff will follow up. • Ms. Schoonover thanked everyone for their presentations and time.
8.	Next Meeting	Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom
9.	Adjournment	Ms. Schoonover adjourned the meeting at 3:06 pm.

Attested: _____

Date _____



Industry Forums



Youth Group Sub-Committee



Service Providers Reports:

*Youth Services
Alamo Navajo School Board*

*Youth Services
Equus Workforce Solutions*



Service Provider Report:

Youth Services

Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc.

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SAWDB WIOA YOUTH PROVIDER

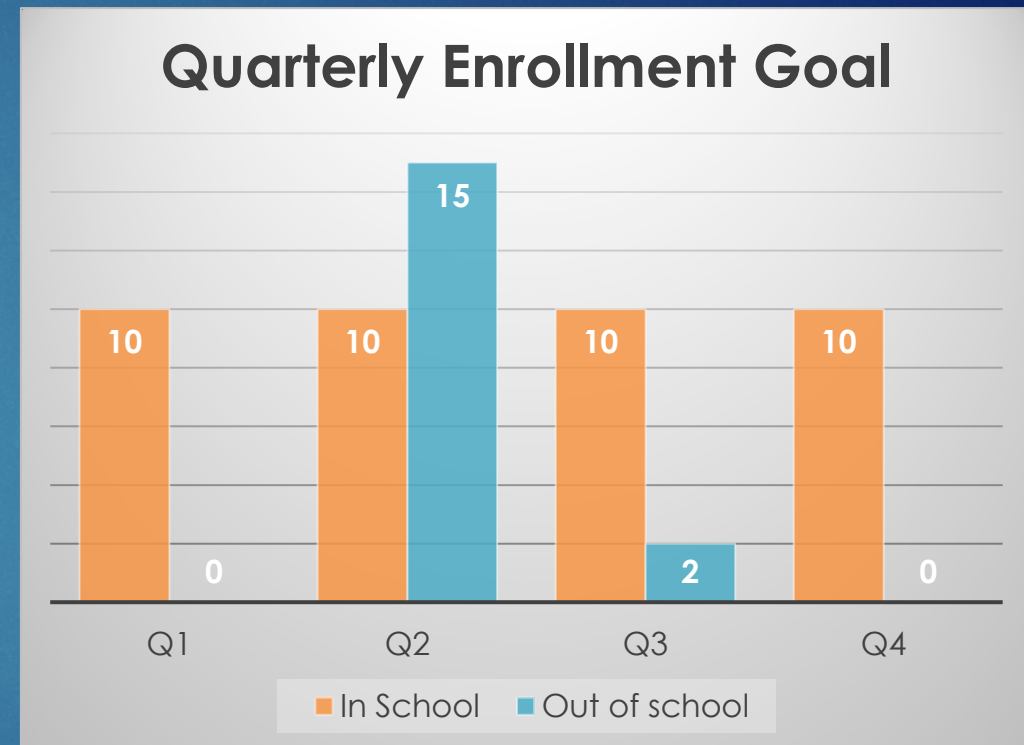
IN-SCHOOL & OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH

PY25 Q1 REPORT

(JULY, AUGUST, OCTOBER)

Enrollment Goal for PY25

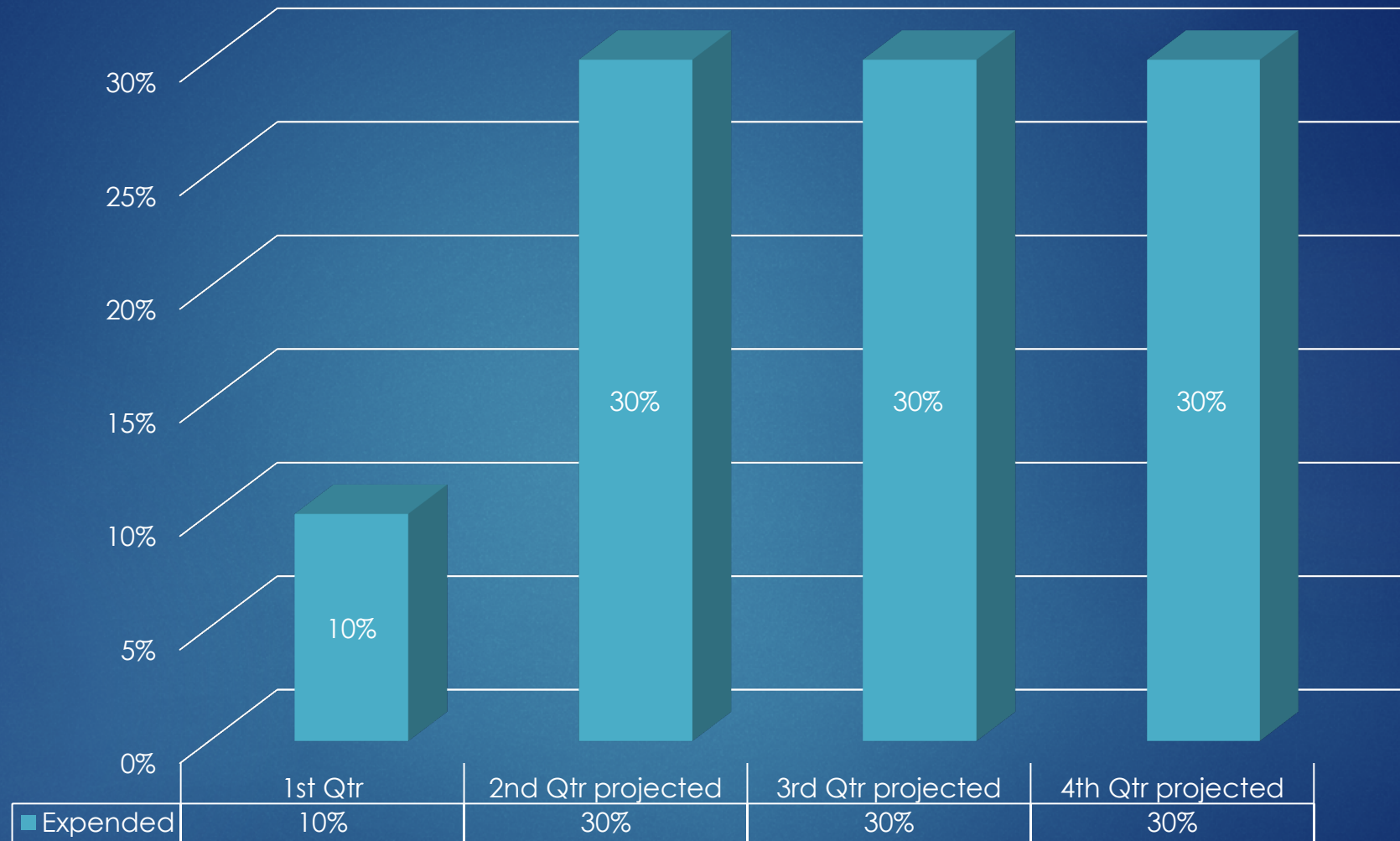
- ▶ GOAL FOR PY25 YOUTH
- ▶ 10-In-School youth (25%)
- ▶ 20-Out-of-School youth (75%)
- ▶ Total-30 participants



Enrollment

- ▶ For first quarter of FY25, enrollment is currently being conducted. In-school enrollment will be completed by October 3, 2025.
- ▶ Ten (10) eligible in-school participants have been identified and will begin WIOA services
- ▶ Out-of-school participants are in the process of enrolling. The goal is to reach 20 participants.

PY25 Total Budget Expenditure



Training Opportunities

- ▶ Commercial Driver's License Class A (Theory and Behind the Wheel)
- ▶ Commercial Driver's License Class B – School Bus Driver (Department of Motor Vehicle – Permit)
- ▶ Onsite Digital Literacy
- ▶ Onsite Online Classroom Training - Essential Education
- ▶ GED –Online learning with SIPI (Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute) ABE program
- ▶ On-line or Face-to-Face First-Aid CPR Training
- ▶ Online Food Handler's Training (Indian Health Services, an agency with Department of Health & Human Services serving American Indians and Alaska Natives)
- ▶ Forestry Program: Firefighting Training, Forest Workers Safety Certification
- ▶ Health Field – Pharmacy Tech, Dental Tech, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- ▶ CNA Training through NM Health Registry, Alamo approved training site, Alamo Clinic Nurse, Instructor

Performance goal - to meet the 14 elements

- Paid and unpaid Tutoring, study skills training – drop-out prevention leading to attainment of high school diploma, digital literacy
- Alternative secondary school – two individuals working on their GED with SIPI
- Paid/Unpaid Work Experience (summer employment, job shadow)
- Occupational Skills Training (work-based learning , First Aid/CPR American Heart, online food handlers, etc.)
- Employability Skills Training – Workforce Preparation Activities - Career Awareness – Life Skills
- Leadership Development Opportunities (exposure to post-secondary, peer mentoring/tutoring,
- Adult Mentoring (provide youth with guidance, support and encouragement on the job, etc.
- Follow-up (regular contact with participants)
- Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling – Career Pathways to help youth transition to post-secondary education and/or training
- Financial Literacy Education (creating personal budgets, setting up checking/savings accounts,)

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- ▶ THANK YOU SEVEN COUNTY REGION AND SAWDB!!

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YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT COMMITTEE MEETING
IN-SCHOOL & OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH

PY25 QUARTER 2 REPORT

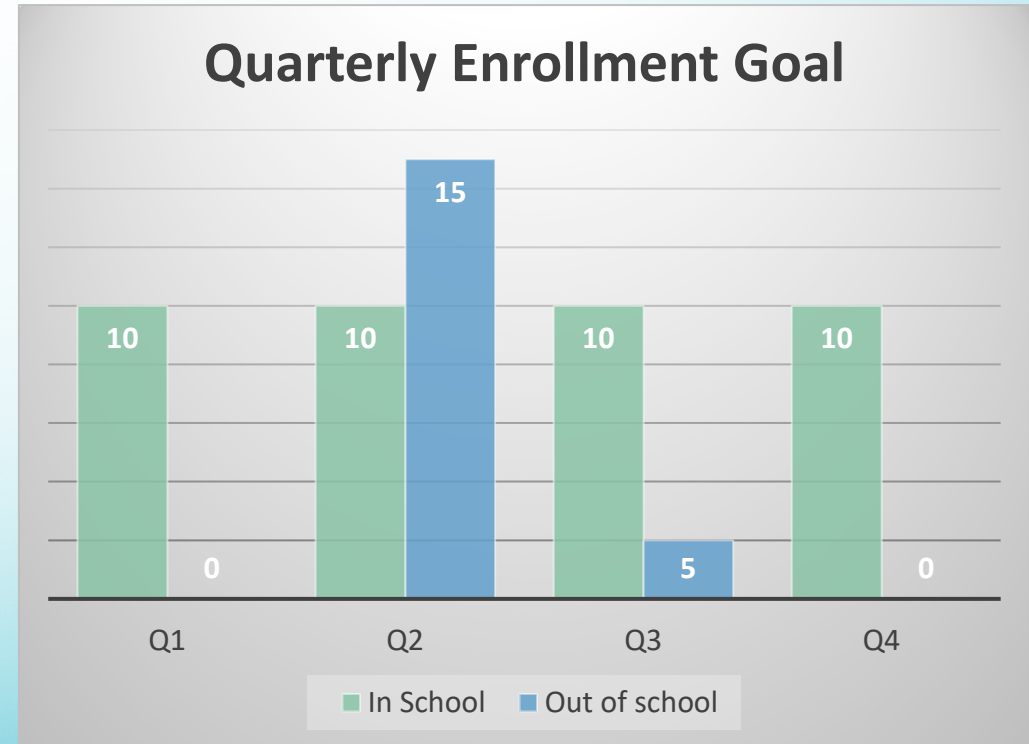
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ENROLLMENT GOAL FOR PY25

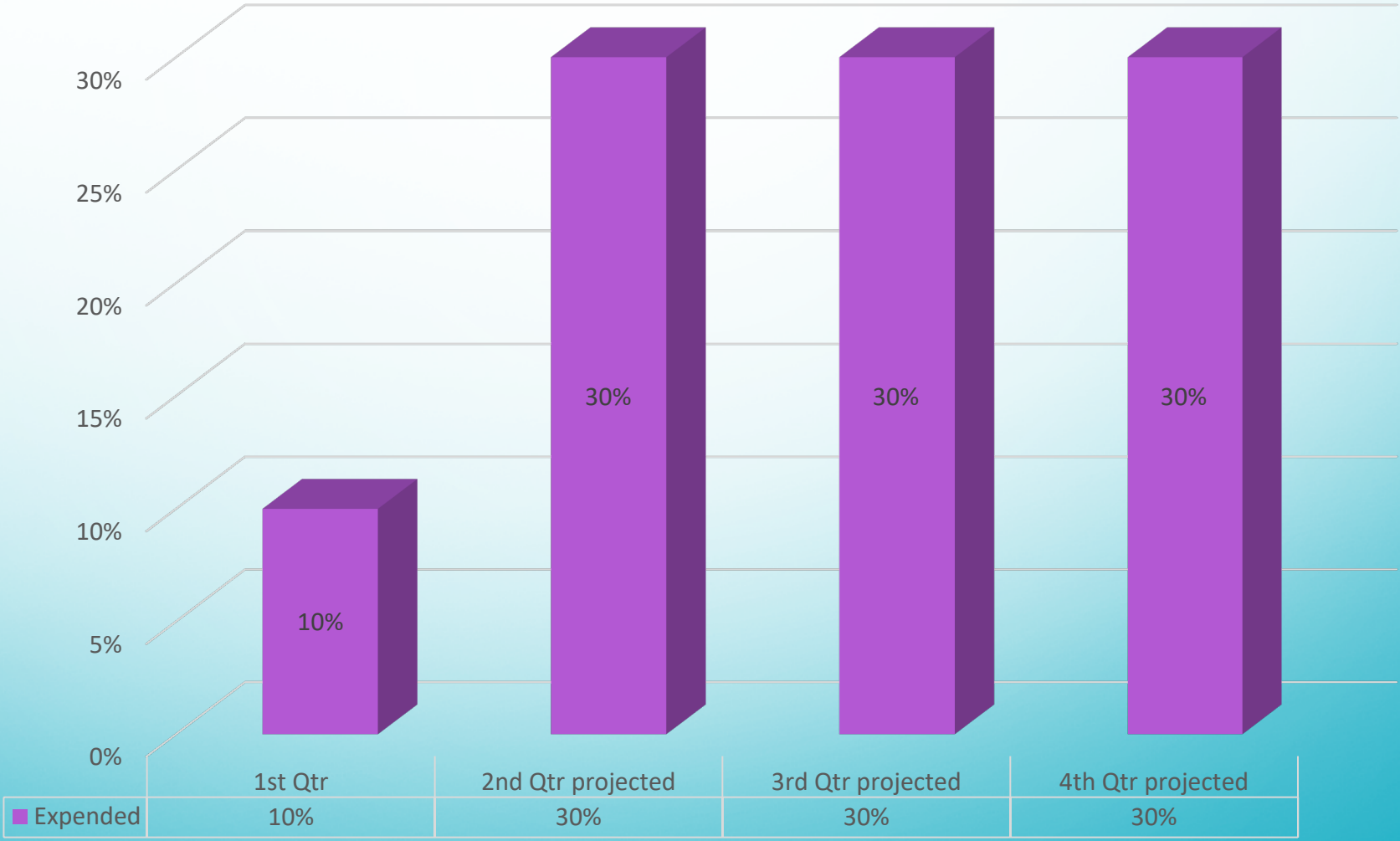
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2ND QUARTER ENROLLMENT

- As of October 3, 2025, all Ten (10) eligible in-school participants have been enrolled. In-school participants are enrolled to stay in school to attain their high school diplomas. Six (6) participants attend the Alamo High School and Four (4) participants attend the Magdalena High School.
- Out-of-school participants are in the process of enrolling. The goal is to reach 20 participants. Currently, it's a challenge to enroll out-of-school participants. There are many eligible out-of-school youth but they are difficult to locate, are unable to fully enroll due to their family status, many have children, lack of transportation, and are unable to gather their eligibility documents.

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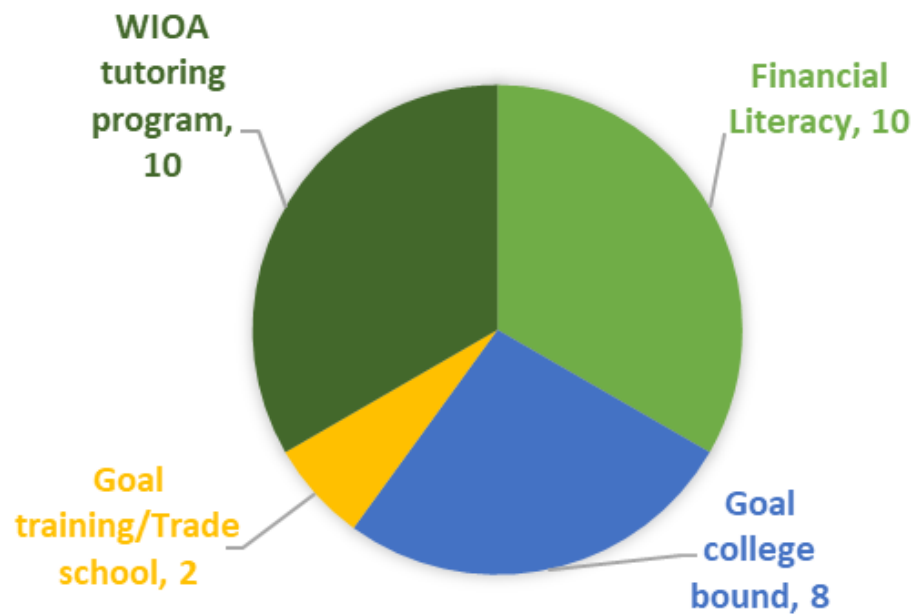
Employment Opportunities

Local employment opportunities for work experience include positions with the Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc. which is the largest employment organization in Alamo, New Mexico. Job placement opportunities include:

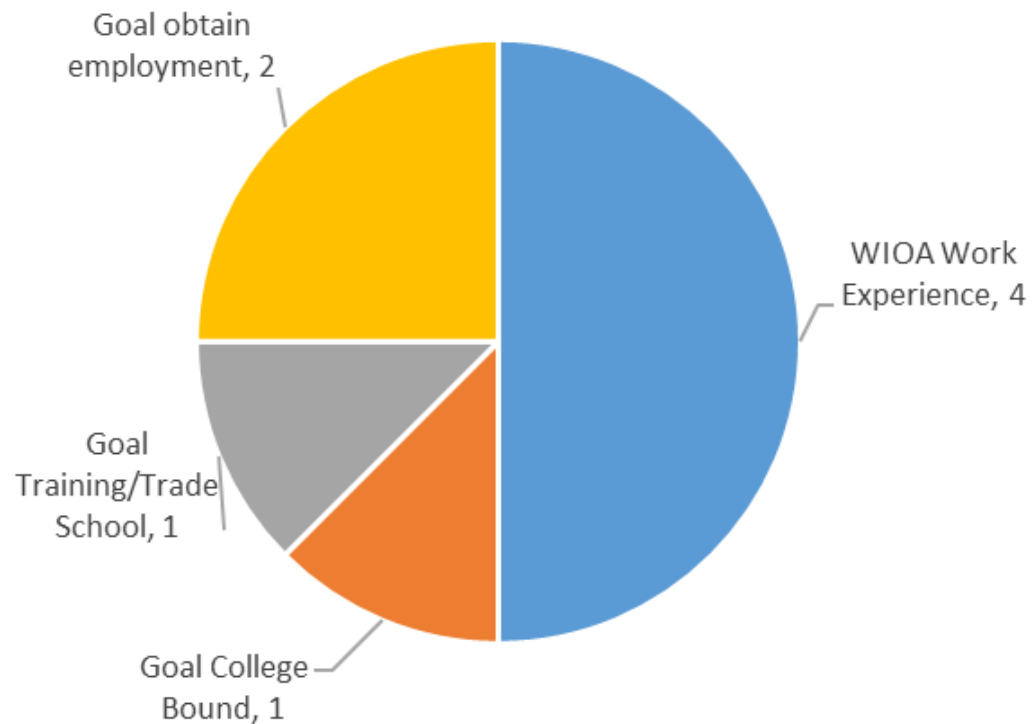
- Alamo Business Office – Receptionist (*Business Management*)
 - ✓ *One (1) participant*
- Radio Station Announcer (*Arts/A/V Tech/Communication*)
 - *No participant is placed*
- Facilities Department – Groundskeeper Technician, Maintenance Tech, (*Construction Industry*)
 - ✓ *One (1) participants*
- Alamo Wellness Center – Recreation Specialist (*Hospitality & Tourism Industry*)
 - ✓ *One (1) participant*
- Division of Community Service – Receptionist (*Business Management*)
 - ✓ *One (1) participant*

OVERALL REPORTING PARTICIPANT ACTIVITY

WIOA (SAWDB) IN SCHOOL



WIOA (SAWDB) OUT OF SCHOOL



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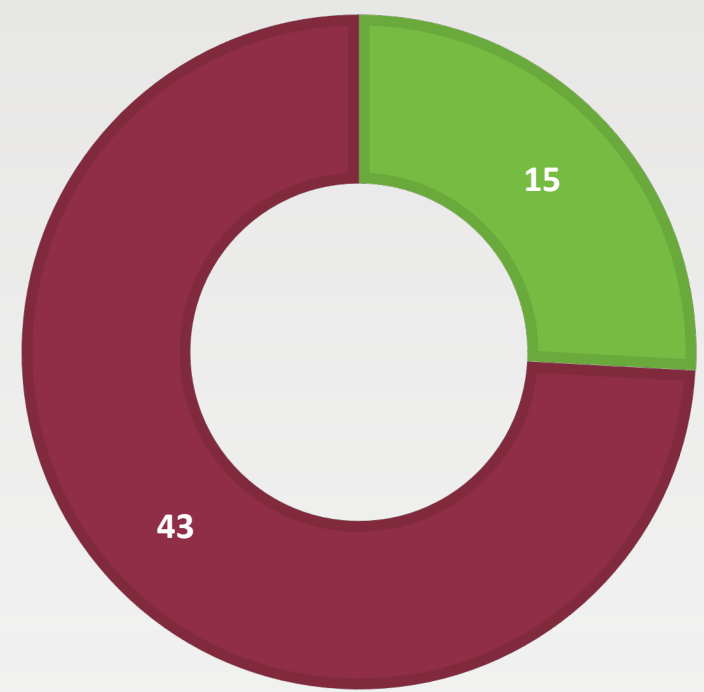
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Report:
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Youth Program

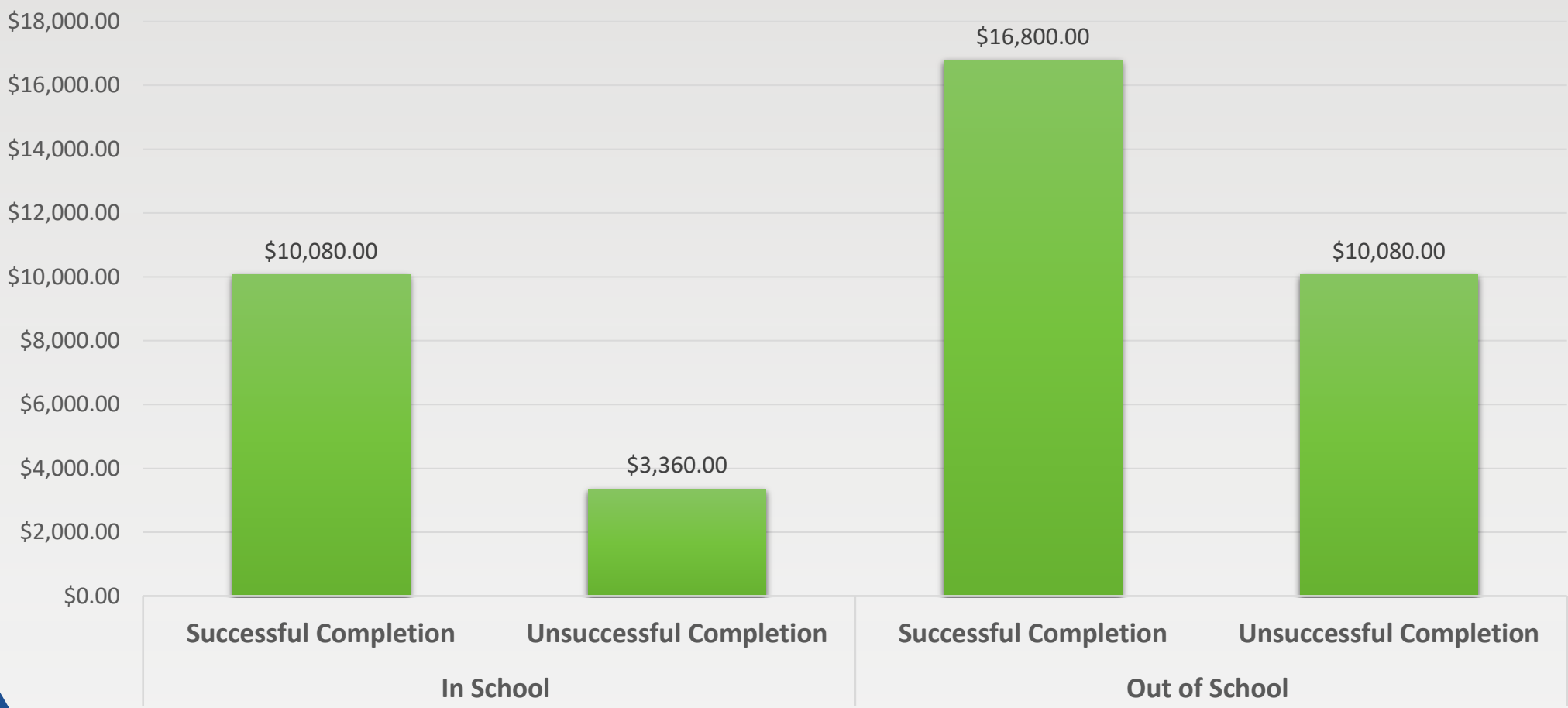
Program Year 2025 Report

Youth Enrollments by Program

■ In-School ■ Out-of-School



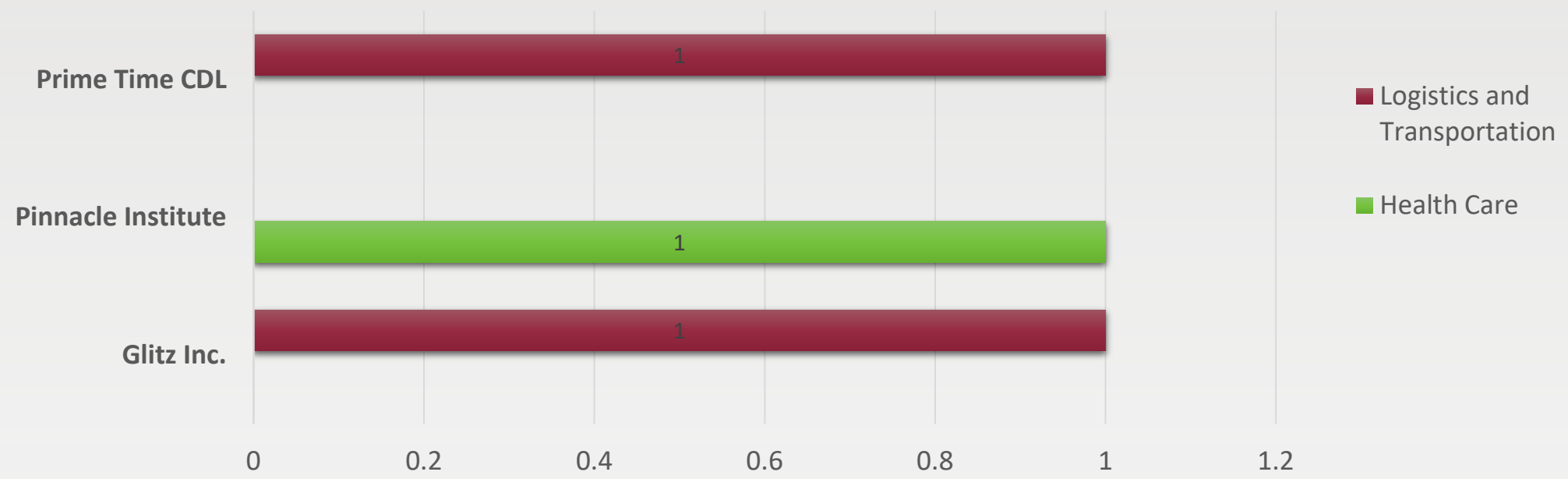
Work Experience Count by Funding and Successful Completion



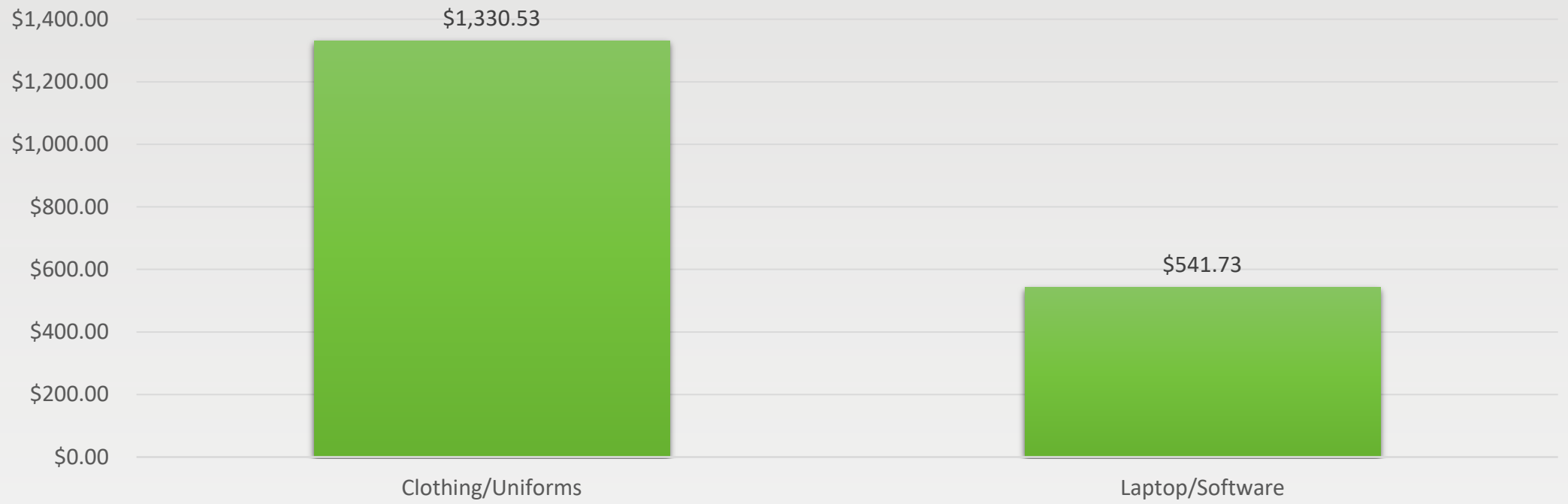
Individual Training Account Investment by Sector



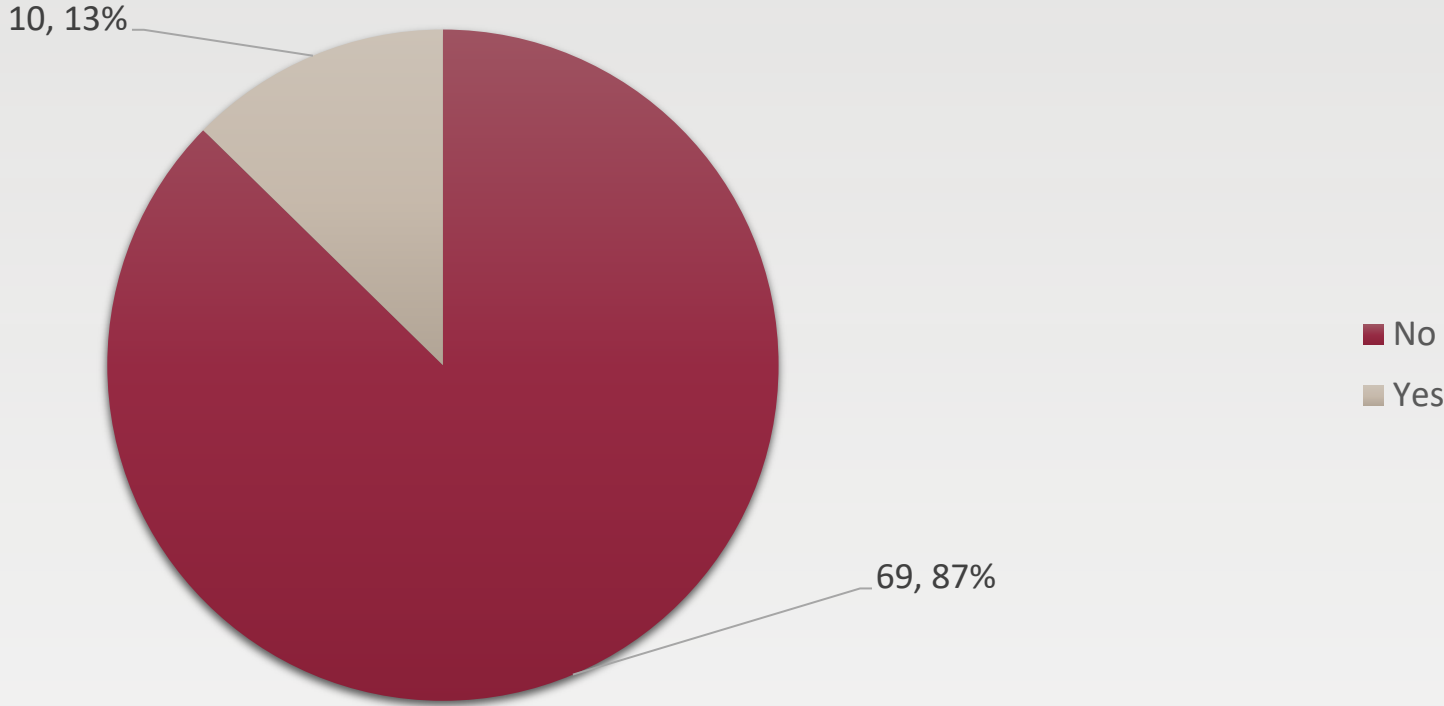
Individual Training Account by Training Provider and Sector



Supportive Services by Type and Amount



Youth Exiters – Employed



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Member Input



Next Meeting



Meeting Adjourned

***Thank You for
Attending***

Have a great day!