

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, July 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. Action Items**
 - a. Approval of April 21, 2026, meeting summary **pg. 4**
- VII. Discussion Items**
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 - e. Youth Group Sub-Committee **pg. 20**
- VIII. Member Input**
- IX. Next Meeting**

X. Adjournment

*Public comments can be emailed to sawdb@employnm.com before July 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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Action Items

DRAFT OF MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting	:	Youth and Young Adult Committee
Date and time	:	April 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
Location of Meeting	:	Mesilla Town Hall 2231 Avenida de Mesilla Mesilla, NM 88046
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, Glory Juarez, Diana Luchini*, Krisye Shook*, Jaymi Simms* *attended virtually
Guests in Attendance	:	Rosina Espinoza*, Chanin Kelly-O'Rourke*, Peter Martinez*, Marissa Molano*, Giselle Palomares*, April Pepper*, Monica Perry*, Sarah Raney*, Joshua Stoller*, Sylvia Ulloa*, Jeff Waugh*, Susan YaSenka*
Summary submitted by/Signature	:	Fayth Grijalva, Administrative Specialist
Next Meeting	:	July 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

#	Agenda Item	Summary
1.	Call to order	Ms. Schoonover called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. Ms. Schoonover approved virtual attendance for online members.
2.	Welcome	Ms. Schoonover welcomed the attendees. Ms. Estrada joined the meeting at 2:29 p.m.
3.	Roll Call & Abstentions	Ms. Schoonover called roll; there were no abstentions.
4.	Public Comment	No public comment Ms. Juarez introduced Mr. Waugh and Ms. Ulloa, both of whom expressed interest in serving on the committee.
5.	Approval of Agenda	Mr. Salome motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Brainard. Motion passed. The roll call vote was as follows: • Ms. Brainard – yes • Mr. Salome – yes • Ms. Schoonover– yes • Ms. Ulrich– yes

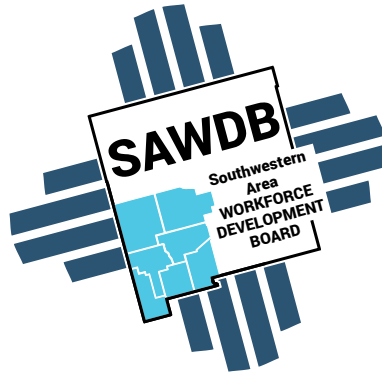
#	Agenda Item	Summary
6.	Discussion or Motion for Recommendation Items	a) Approval of January 21, 2026, meeting summary Mr. Salome motioned to approve the summary, seconded by Ms. Ulrich. Motion passed. The roll call vote was as follows: • Ms. Brainard – yes • Mr. Salome – yes • Ms. Schoonover– yes • Ms. Ulrich– yes b) Industry Forums • Ms. Juarez stated that we are currently collaborating with the lead counselor at Deming Public Schools to coordinate a youth industry forum focused on the healthcare sector. c) Youth Group Sub-Committee • Ms. Juarez stated that an advertisement has been posted to gather letters of interest, with a deadline of May 15, and an update will be provided afterward. She added that the goal is to create a youth subcommittee to support and advise the Youth and Young Adult Committee, while also coordinating with other youth advisory groups across the seven counties. d) Youth Service Provider Reports • Alamo staff were not available to present their report, but it is included in the packet. • Ms. Molano presented for Equus. She shared PY25 Q1-Q3 enrollments by program, Individual Training Accounts by sector, supportive services, and employed youth exiters. • Ms. Ulrich asked why enrollment and exit numbers differ. Ms. Molano explained that exiters include individuals from multiple time periods, not just one. • Ms. Ulrich asked about unsuccessful work experience, and Ms. Molano explained it is not completing 240 hours. Ms. Schoonover asked about follow-up for unemployed youth, and Ms. Molano confirmed a one-year federal follow-up requirement. Ms. Brainard confirmed exiters are those tracked and asked about employment data, which Ms. Molano said is tracked through the New Mexico wage system. Ms. Ulrich noted the program is similar to the ETPL.
7.	Member Input	• Ms. Schoonover thanked everyone for their presentations and time.
8.	Next Meeting	Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in Mesilla
9.	Adjournment	Ms. Schoonover adjourned the meeting at 2:46 pm.

Attested: _____

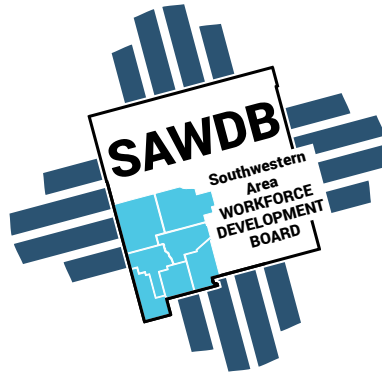
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Discussion Items



Grant Agreement Requirements



New Youth Service Provider:

***Mary Ulrich
Doña Ana
Community College***



Service Provider Report:

Youth Services

Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc.

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SAWDB WIOA Youth Provider
In-School & Out-of-School Youth

PY25/26 Quarter 4 Report

(April, May, June)

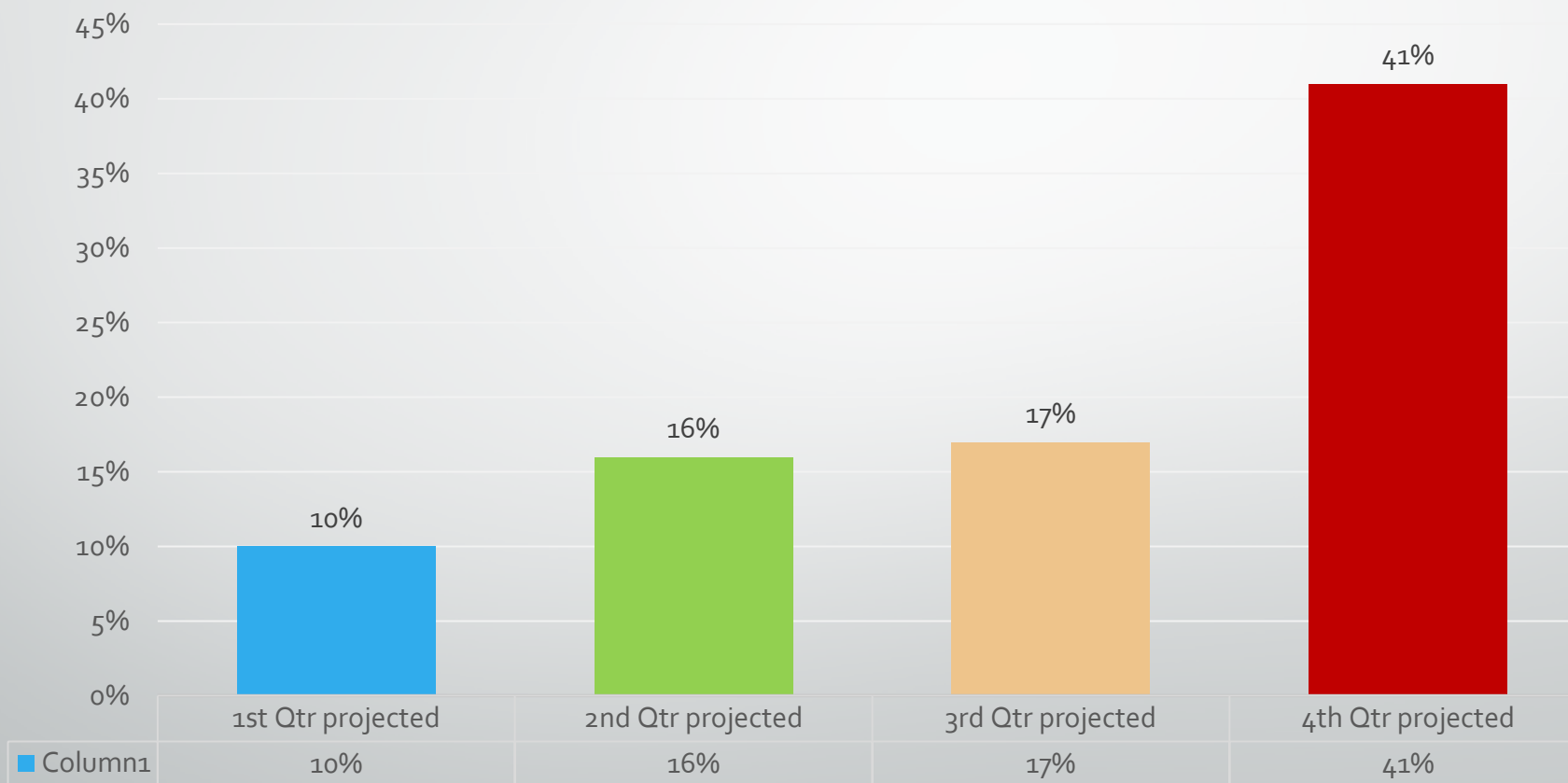


PY25 youth enrollment goal – 30 participants

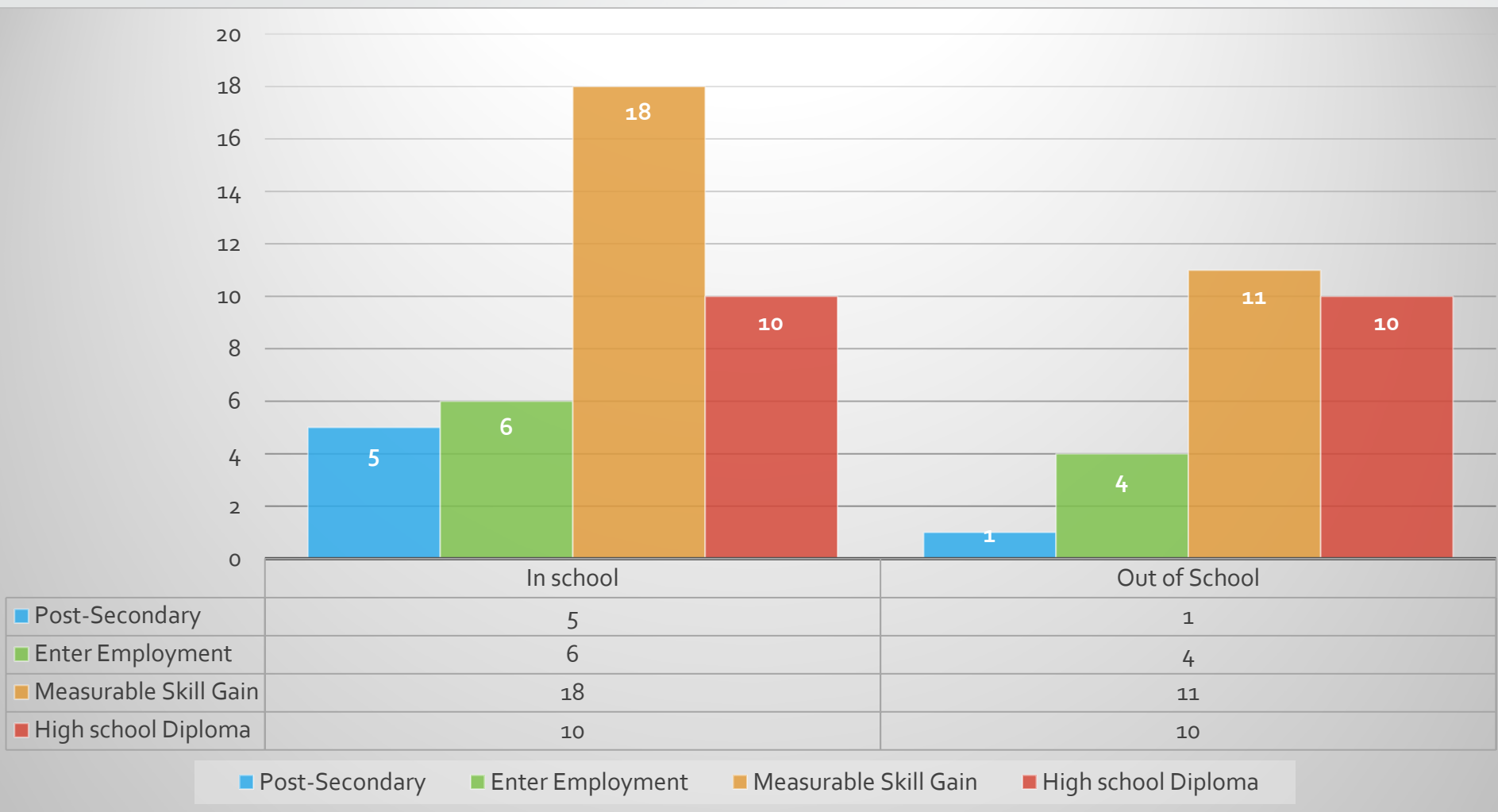
- 10-In-School youth (25%)
 - Goal was met
- 10-Out-of-School youth (75%)
 - 10 enrolled
 - lack 10 participants
- Total Enrollment - 20 participants

Actual Expenditures PY25/26

In school and Out of School



Successful Outcome PY25



Success Story

In School

- *A participant has lived on the Alamo Navajo Reservation her whole life. She attended Magdalena High School located 30 miles south of the Alamo Navajo reservation. The participant completed the in-school program with WIOA (SAWDB) successfully. She attained her high school diploma and will be continuing her education with Navajo Technical University in Crown point, New Mexico for a four (4) year bachelor degree program in Social Work. Her decision is based on her life experiences residing on the Alamo Navajo reservation. She wants to get her degree and come back to Alamo to make a difference in the community. The participant is the oldest child in her family who was faced with the challenge of helping to raise her younger sister while staying focused on her own education and career success.*
- *Participant shared, “The WIOA program helped me financially to successfully finish high school. Being enrolled in the program motivated me to be responsible and attend my high school classes every day. I have also learned important job skills that will help me find a job and be a good employee. I want to thank the program for this opportunity in everything I learned about being a responsible participant.”*

Success Story

Out of School

- *A participant enrolled in the out-of-school WIOA program as a single parent to an eight-month old son to gain work experience. The participant didn't have many job placement options in the area of Nursing, as this her interest. Her career goal is to become a nurse. Unfortunately, there are not any openings at the Alamo Clinic because of the HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) law which safeguards sensitive patient health information. Instead the participant was placed at the Alamo School to assist with Navajo culture/Language class as a teaching assistant to students from Kindergarten to 12th grade. The Case Manager encouraged her to continue to pursue her career goal, so the participant completed a Certified Nursing Assistant Class and passed the assessments to earned her CNA License in April 2026. The participant completed Work Experience successfully and she will continue her education in nursing and obtain employment in Fall 2026.*
- *Participant shared, "The program helped me gain the expectation of having a real job as well as help me to become familiar with the community and work with children enrolled in the Navajo Culture/Language class. I was also happy to be able to take the CNA class in which my Case Manager advised and now I have a CNA licensure and will be able to work part-time as I prepare to attend college to become a registered nurse. I want to thank the staff for this opportunity to enroll in this program, it really made a difference in my life and future career goals."*

Successful Completion



Services - 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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Industry Forums



Youth Group Sub-Committee



Member Input



Next Meeting

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Meeting Adjourned

***Thank You for
Attending***

Have a great day!