

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

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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: Cassie Arias-Ward

Date 07/21/2026