

**DACC ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Gadsden School Board Members Present:

Daniel Castillo  
Laura Salazar Flores

Hatch School Board Members Present:

Las Cruces School Board Members Present:

Ray Jaramillo  
Robert Wofford

DACC Faculty/Staff Present:

Tawny Aguirre	Ike Ledesma
Shannon Bradley	Denise Lilley
Kelly Brooks	Adrian Luna
Joe Butler	Kristi Martin
Josie Carmona	Chipper Moore
Rusty Fox	Mark Nunley
Vicki Haggard	Mónica Torres

Guests Present:

Erik Harrigan, RBC Capital

**Call to Order:**

Ms. Laura Salazar Flores, President, called the DACC Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:07 PM on Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

**Roll Call:**

V. Haggard called roll; participants noted above were present. A quorum of the Advisory Board was present.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by D. Castillo; seconded by R. Jaramillo; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:  
March 3, 2022**

Motion to approve March 3, 2022 minutes as presented made by D. Castillo; seconded by R. Jaramillo; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

New DACC staff introductions – Dr. Xeturah Woodley, VPAA & Adrian Luna, South County Centers Director

**1. Bond Finance Plan – Mr. Erik Harrigan & Ms. Kelly Brooks**

**Key Discussion Points:** E. Harrigan, RBC Capital provided the Board an update on the finance plan. Highlighted items included: history of assessed valuation, tax rates (will maintain .75), current outstanding debt, key points of debt management plan, bond sale timing, considerations, and election timing. With the current market and economic climate it doesn't make sense to refund any bonds at this point. The next GO Bond election is scheduled for 2023; voter authorization will expire November 2023; DACC will have until October 2023 to issue any remaining bonds. The expectation is that any proceeds from bonds will be spent within 3 years; after issuance we have 3 years to expend 85% of the proceeds. Interest rates and timing are factors for the plan update; selling bonds would need to be done in June or July with the approval of the DACC Single Board. K. Brooks noted that DACC does have some substantial projects in the latter half of first bond sale that we could finish up with this bond sale. Master facilities plan for next cycle is in the works.

**Decision/Action:** Please refer to the May 10, 2022 Meeting Binder on the DACC Advisory Board's website for complete presentation (<https://dacc.nmsu.edu/about/advisory-board/>).

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**2. Accreditation Update – Multi-Location Visit – Dr. Mónica Torres**

**Key Discussion Points:** The Higher Learning Commission conducted a multi-location visit April 28-29, 2022 – visiting the Espina Campus and Alta Vista Early College High School.

**Decision/Action:** Final report will be forthcoming.

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### 3. FY 22-23 Budget Update – Ms. Kelly Brooks

Key Discussion Points: K. Brooks provided the Board an update regarding the FY 2022-23 Budget.

- Legislative update: approved a 3% across the board salary compensation increase the last quarter of FY 21-22 (effective April 1, 2022) and a 4% increase for FY 22-23; the 4% increase will not be across the board – the post of money will be used to increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour, increasing entry level salaries for the new salary structure created at NMSU, then remaining funds will be used for merit increases. New I&G funding of 2.5% new monies were approved (~1% subject to submission of enrollment management plan to the state).
- Budgetary impacts: enrollment decline, compensation gap, fringe benefits increase, local min wage, etc.
- Student impacts: 135 mile waiver; academic services fee; bookstore integrated services program
- Operating budget – sources and revenues; general budget guidelines – salary and benefit increases; enrollment; tuition and fees; new faculty and staff positions; overall new money available - \$3.395M. The NM Opportunity Scholarship significantly increased student aid, and will help students registering for 6 credit hours or more who are not eligible for other aid. Students must complete a FAFSA and meet other criteria to be eligible. Specific guidelines are forthcoming.

R. Jaramillo thanked K. Brooks for explaining the budget and making it about people and not just numbers. Please refer to the May 10, 2022 Meeting Binder on the DACC Advisory Board’s website for complete presentation (<https://dacc.nmsu.edu/about/advisory-board/>).

Decision/Action: Motion to approve FY 22-23 Budget as presented made by D. Castillo; seconded by R. Jaramillo; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

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### 4. 2021-2022 Highlights – Dr. Mónica Torres

Key Discussion Points: M. Torres provided the Board with the key highlights of 2021-22 which included COVID operations; DACC Works (professional development day for faculty and staff); commencement; awards/accreditations (SkillsUSA, faculty fellowships and publications; OAT accreditation; national faculty recognition); hiring of key personnel (VPAA & South County Centers Director); initiatives: career and life skills academy; southern site of “Next Gen Media Academy;” undergrad research opportunities; increased grant activity; increased collaborations with public schools and south county businesses; initiative addressing disparities in health care; expansion of wrap around services; Crimson Connection (student engagement); Gadsden flex classroom; added technology/infrastructure to support the Apple initiative; increased protocols for data security; grants; publications and marketing; events; and scholarships.

Decision/Action: Please refer to the May 10, 2022 Meeting Binder on the DACC Advisory Board’s website for complete presentation (<https://dacc.nmsu.edu/about/advisory-board/>).

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### 5. A Time for Reflection: What’s going on in the districts? – Dr. Mónica Torres

Key Discussion Points: GISD – things are getting better; need to have the conversations, not having the answers is ok, but conversations are good; all headed in the right direction. Social/emotional learning programs SEL; improvements in data even after COVID learning; very proud of GISD teachers. Transition to standards-based grading; strategic plan – board went out into different communities offering them the opportunity to express ideas and feedback. New board member on board – Arlean Murillo was on the board of regents at WNMU. Representatives Willie Madrid and Ray Lara very supportive of district. LCPS – been a rough last couple years still facing issues/impacts of COVID; things very politicized; new social studies standards, Critical Race Theory discussions; money is not an issue these days; lots of stress; mental, social, and emotional impact on students; how do we best support our community; new members on the LCPS school board. Jumped in with

both feet into career and technical education; funding investments for students in these areas from the legislature. Helping 64 students from Afghanistan. Teacher stresses are immense – students reaching out to teachers in the evening. Social/emotional wellbeing of students and teachers. Increasing dual credit offerings, need to nurture and monitor more with high school students (more discussions between instructors and HS counselors). Expanded to 180 instructional days. LCPS has gender inclusive policies, is DACC doing the same, not just tolerating, but affirming and accepting all student populations. Appreciated Gerri Martinez participating in the Spring Literacy Extravagancy. Have to get prepared for students with other languages aside from Spanish. Enjoyed attending DACC graduation.

Decision/Action: None.

#### 6. Other

Key Discussion Points: None.

Decision/Action: None.

#### 7. Board Announcements and Comments

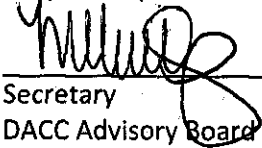
Key Discussion Points: Upcoming Advisory Board meetings:

- Special Meeting in June/July
- Thursday, September 1, 2022
- Thursday, November 3, 2022

Decision/Action: M. Torres closed by thanking board members for their attendance.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the DACC Advisory Board meeting made by R. Wofford; seconded by R. Jaramillo; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary  
DACC Advisory Board