

DACC SINGLE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Gadsden School Board Members Present:

Laura Salazar Flores
Christian Lira (Zoom)
Arlean Murillo

Las Cruces School Board Members Present:

Pamela Cort (Zoom)
Patrick Nolan
Robert Wofford

Additional Attendees

Katherine McKinney, Modrall Sperling

Hatch School Board Members Present:

Joaquin Legarreta (Zoom)
Richard Marquez (Zoom)
Christopher Montez (Zoom)

DACC Faculty/Staff Present:

Mónica Torres	Vicki Haggard
Rigo Rincones	Mary Ulrich
Kelly Brooks	Josie Carmona
Ike Ledesma	Laura De La Cruz
Kristi Martin	Michelle Guzman-Armijo (Zoom)
Gerald Lisik	
Shannon Bradley	
Jesse Haas	

Call to Order: Mr. Robert Wofford, President, called the DACC Single Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:10 PM on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

Roll Call: A. Murillo called roll; participants noted above were present. A quorum of the Single Advisory Board was present.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by L. Salazar Flores; seconded by P. Nolan; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

1. Welcome – Dr. Mónica Torres

Key Discussion Points: Dr. Torres welcomed the group to the single board meeting to review the GO Bond sale items.

Decision/Action: None.

2. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of the Doña Ana Community College District General Obligation (Limited Tax) Bonds, Series 2025 – Ms. Kelly Brooks, Ms. Katherine McKinney, & Mr. Erik Harrigan

Key Discussion Points: K. Brooks presented information prepared by E. Harrigan. K. McKinney was available as well. Specific details can be found in the presentation materials in the meeting binder. Highlighted items included: history of assessed valuation and tax rates; current outstanding debt; and the debt management plan. The complete presentation can be found in the Binder on the DACC Advisory Board website.

Decision/Action: Motion to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of the Doña Ana Community College District General Obligation (Limited Tax) Bonds, Series 2025 as presented made by R. Wofford; moved by P. Nolan; seconded by L. Salazar-Flores; roll call vote taken; no discussions, all in favor; motion carried.

3. Resolution Approving the Submission of an Application for Financial Assistance to the New Mexico Finance Authority – Ms. Kelly Brooks, Ms. Katherine McKinney, & Mr. Erik Harrigan

Key Discussion Points: Brief presentation was made by K. McKinney. The complete presentation can be found in the Binder on the DACC Advisory Board website.

Decision/Action: Motion to adopt the Resolution Approving the Submission of an Application for Financial Assistance to the New Mexico Finance Authority as presented made by R. Wofford; moved

by L. Salazar Flores; seconded by R. Marquez; roll call vote taken; no further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the DACC Single Advisory Board meeting made by R. Wofford; moved by P. Nolan, seconded by L. Salazar Flores; roll call vote taken; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

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Additional Attendees

Call to Order: Mr. Robert Wofford, President, called the DACC Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:42 PM on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

Roll Call: R. Wofford 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 P. Nolan; seconded by R. Marquez; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve May 5, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented made by R. Marquez; seconded by P. Nolan no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

1. State of the College Presentation – Dr. Mónica Torres, Dr. Rigo Rincones, Ms. Kristi Martin, & Mr. Ike Ledesma

Key Discussion Points: Dr. Torres provided a variety of information regarding the state of the college.

- **new NMSU president** focused on the land grant mission of university.
- **DACC fall enrollments 2019-2025.**
- **Wildly Important Goals** – student success, business/industry development, and adult education achievement;
- **new strategic plan** – focus on retention, graduation, & transfer; university is working on their new plan as well.
- **rapidly changing national landscape** 1) impacts to students (funding for programs and support services, financial aid, resources for undocumented students); 2) institutional autonomy being challenged, accountability (fed and state – what are your outcomes), rhetorical frame for our work.

Dr. Rigo Rincones provided a brief update on academic affairs.

- new faculty hires (42 part time and 17 full time)
- brief updates from the divisions

Ms. Kristi Martin provided updates regarding strategic initiatives & relationships.

- **supporting student needs** – through Comfort Casita (FirstLight Federal Credit Union \$200K donation); new endowment; internal payroll deduction campaign;

giving Tuesday; NMSU community college food pantries (submitted special appropriation request).

- **branding** (relationship with NMCO, website reimagined, journalism and design lab).
- **2 new positions** – PIO & grant manager.

Mr. Ike Ledesma provided updates from the student services unit.

- **student health and wellness** – outreach events, social worker, counselor, and TimelyCare available for all students with NMSU Banner ID.
- **parent and high school engagement** – using CampusESP, engaging with high school counselors, and focusing on adult learners (25 and older).

The complete presentation can be found in the Binder on the DACC Advisory Board website.

Decision/Action: None.

2. District Reports – School Board Members

Key Discussion Points: **Hatch** – currently undergoing superintendent search.

Gadsden – 89% district graduation rate; AVECHS 100% graduation rate; request that we invite board members to more events. La Union LFC report saying school doing well; federal funding concerns; board members A. Murillo and L. Salazar Flores are up for re-election.

Las Cruces – revised policy on search and seizure; concerned about ICE; great start to school year 90% retention on teachers; not as many transportation issues this year. Began redistricting process, some students grandfathered in (siblings); Columbia Elementary School grand opening, Saturday, October 4; bond to fund new Mayfield HS; federal funding concerns; entered social media lawsuit; GO Bond in Nov. P. Cort, P. Nolan, B. Wofford announced candidacy for re-election.

Decision/Action: None.

3. Board Announcements & Comments

Key Discussion Points: • Next Meetings:

- Thursday, May 7, 2026 @ 6:00 PM (Single Board required – Operating Agreement, Election of Officers, Budget, Bond Finance Plan, GO Bond Resolution)
- Thursday, September 3, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Decision/Action: None.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the DACC Advisory Board meeting made by R. Wofford; moved by A. Murillo, seconded by P. Nolan; no discussion, roll call vote taken, all in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

DACC Advisory Board