

DACC SPECIAL SINGLE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Gadsden School Board Members Present:

Laura Salazar Flores
Christian Lira
Arlean Murillo

Las Cruces School Board Members Present:

Ed Frank
Patrick Nolan
Robert Wofford

Additional Attendees

Katherine McKinney, Modrall Sperling

Hatch School Board Members Present:

Rey Gonzalez
Joaquin Legarreta
Richard Marquez

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
Gerald Lisik	
Shannon Bradley	
Jesse Haas	

- Call to Order:** Mr. Robert Wofford, President, called the DACC Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:03 PM on Monday, May 5, 2025.
- Roll Call:** R. Wofford 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 R. Marquez; seconded by P. Nolan; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve October 17, 2024 regular meeting minutes 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 noted that she is glad to be back at DACC after serving as Interim President at NMSU for 9 months and she provided the following brief updates.
- **Graduation and Enrollment:** DACC is preparing for graduation, including participants from the Early College High Schools. Enrollment is up for both summer and fall 2025, continuing a six-semester upward trend. While still below pre-COVID levels, summer enrollment is up 14% and fall is up 4%.
 - **Funding and Legislation:** The \$1.5 million NSF B2B grant has been terminated. DACC is monitoring legislative actions related to agency funding, DEI programs, and immigration. The biggest concern is potential negative changes to financial aid, which would significantly impact students. The college will continue to engage with legislators on these issues.
 - **Strategic Goals:** DACC's primary goal is to increase the number of students who graduate and transfer. The college is launching a new "WIG" (Wildly Important Goals) campaign in fall 2025 to track metrics like student completions, high school equivalency exams, and business start-ups/expansions.
- Decision/Action:** None.

2. Open Meetings Act Resolution – Ms. Kelly Brooks & Ms. Katherine McKinney

- Key Discussion Points: Ms. Brooks & Ms. McKinney (Bond Counsel with Modrall Sperling) presented the Open Meetings Act resolution.
- **Annual Requirement:** The resolution for the Open Meetings Act must be adopted annually.
 - **Meeting Notices:**
 - **Special Meetings:** Require three days' notice, which is posted in the administrative office.
 - **Emergency Meetings:** Can be called with 24 hours' notice for reasons of health, safety, or substantial loss. The circumstances and results of these meetings must be reported to the Attorney General's office within 10 days.
 - **Minutes:** Draft meeting minutes must be prepared and posted within 10 days of the meeting.
 - **Live Streaming:** There is no requirement to live stream a meeting if members of the public can physically attend and hear the proceedings.
 - **No Changes:** There have been no changes to the resolution since the last time it was approved.
- Decision/Action: Motion to adopt Open Meetings Act Resolution as presented made by R Wofford; moved by P Nolan; seconded by E. Frank; no discussions, all in favor; motion carried.

3. 2025-26 Budget – Ms. Kelly Brooks

- Key Discussion Points: K. Brooks provided an in-depth presentation regarding the proposed 2025-26 DACC budget.
- **Budgeting and Enrollment:** The proposed 2025-26 budget was prepared with the expectation of flat enrollment and a way to cover the gap in funding for compensation increases.
 - **Tuition and Fees:**
 - **Tuition:** Tuition will remain the same for the third consecutive year.
 - **Integrated Access Fee:** There will be a small increase in the integrated access fee for student books based on actual costs over the past three years. This fee will be \$28 per credit hour.
 - **Veteran's Exemption:** The impact of the veteran's exemption on the tax levy is still unknown. A conversation with the county assessor provided no clear estimate.
 - **Project Updates:** There are extra funds available for projects (Building Renewal and Repair monies), but spending them may be difficult as there's only about nine months to use the money.
- Decision/Action: Motion to approve the 2025-26 budget as presented made by R. Wofford; moved by L. Salazar Flores; seconded by P. Noland; no further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

4. Board Announcements & Comments

- Key Discussion Points:
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **DACC Honorary Degree Recipient Reception:** Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 5:30 PM at the Pan Am Center Barbara Hubbard Annex.
 - **Commencement:** Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the Pan Am Center. Four Board members expressed interest in attending.
 - **Next Meeting:** The next DACC Board meeting is a single board meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 6:00 PM to approve the General Obligation (GO) bond sale.
 - **Board Member Reports:**

- **R. Wofford:** Attended a regional meeting in Hatch. Noted that Las Cruces Public Schools (LCPS) received some, but not all, of their requested funding for the CTE building. The family support center received additional funding this year for "wrap-around" family support services (Dr. Torres expressed interest in touring the location).
- **L. Salazar Flores:** Gadsden Independent School District (GISD) held its first school board finance committee meeting. All comprehensive high schools will have their commencement on May 24th.
- **A. Murillo:** The Western Region meeting will be held in Santa Fe on September 4th. Which will conflict with next scheduled DACC Advisory Board meeting.

Decision/Action: None.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the DACC Advisory Board meeting made by R. Wofford; moved by E. Frank, seconded by L. Salazar Flores; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary
DACC Advisory Board