

### **DACC SINGLE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

#### Gadsden School Board Members Present:

Laura Salazar Flores  
Priscilla Guerrero (Zoom)  
Corina Medrano

#### Las Cruces School Board Members Present:

Ed Frank  
Patrick Nolan  
Robert Wofford

#### Additional Attendees

Katherine McKinney, Modrall Sperling  
Erik Harrigan, RBC Capital

#### Hatch School Board Members Present:

Elva Garay  
Rey Gonzalez (Zoom)  
Christopher Montez (Zoom)

#### DACC Faculty/Staff Present:

|                 |                               |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Mónica Torres   | Vicki Haggard                 |
| Kelly Brooks    | Mary Ulrich                   |
| Ike Ledesma     | Josie Carmona (Zoom)          |
| Kristi Martin   | Elmer Gonzalez (Zoom)         |
| Gerald Lisik    | Michelle Guzman-Armijo (Zoom) |
| Shannon Bradley | Adrian Luna (Zoom)            |
| Nathaniel Munoz | Joe Butler (Zoom)             |
|                 | Julien Kouame                 |

**Call to Order:** Mr. Robert Wofford, President, called the DACC Single Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:09 PM on Thursday, May 7, 2026.

**Roll Call:** P. Nolan 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 P. Nolan; seconded by L. Salazar Flores; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

### **1. Welcome – Dr. Mónica Torres**

**Key Discussion Points:** Dr. Torres welcomed members to the single board meeting, thanking everyone for their ongoing service and dedication to the local school boards, the community, and the DACC Advisory Board. Dr. Torres shared end-of-academic-year achievements, expressing gratitude to the board for helping serve students. This academic year there were ~18,000 learners served across the institution, 87 Small Business Development Center clients supported, ~610 certificates and ~1,000 associate degrees conferred, and ~1,500 industry recognized credentials attained.

**Decision/Action:** None.

### **2. Election of Officers – Mr. Robert Wofford**

**Key Discussion Points:** Elections were conducted for DACC Advisory Board officer positions to serve a two-year terms.

**President** – P. Nolan (self-nominated); motion to approve made by E. Frank; seconded by E. Garay; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

**Vice President** – E. Garay (self-nominated); motion to approve made by C. Medrano; seconded by C. Montez; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

**Secretary** – C. Medrano (nominated by L. Salazar Flores); motion to approve made by R. Wofford; seconded by P. Nolan; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

**Decision/Action:** New officers will serve from May 2026-May 2028.

### **3. General Obligation (Limited Tax) Bonds, Series 2025, Presentation of Sale Certificate – Ms. Kelly Brooks, Ms. Katherine McKinney, & Mr. Erik Harrigan**

Key Discussion Points: Ms. Katherine McKinney presented the sales certificate approved from the August 2025 meeting. This was an informational item only; no action was required from the board.

Decision/Action: The complete presentation can be found in the Board Meeting Binder.

#### **4. Resolution Authorizing Partial Redemption of Series 2015 and Series 2018 General Obligation Bonds – Ms. Kelly Brooks & Mr. Erik Harrigan**

Key Discussion Points: Mr. Erik Harrigan provided a finance plan update highlighting the following: history of assessed valuation and tax rates, current outstanding debt, and other key points of the debt management plan including that the redemption will increase the college's future bond election capacity while maintaining the tax rate of 0.75 mils. The full presentation can be found in the Board Meeting Binder.

Decision/Action: Motion to approve the resolution authorizing partial redemption of Series 2015 and Series 2018 General Obligation Bonds as presented made by R. Wofford; seconded by C. Montez; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

#### **5. Open Meetings Act Resolution – Ms. Kelly Brooks & Ms. Katherine McKinney**

Key Discussion Points: The Board reviewed and considered the annual approval required by the Open Meetings Act. There were no changes to the notice provisions (meeting notices posted in the Las Cruces Sun News, meeting agendas available 72 hours prior to the meeting, members can attend via zoom as long as everyone can hear, and the Board can only close meetings based on Open Meetings Act requirements).

Decision/Action: Motion to approve Open Meetings Act Resolution as presented made by E. Garay; seconded by R. Wofford; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

#### **6. 2026-27 Budget – Ms. Kelly Brooks**

Key Discussion Points: The Board reviewed the proposed 2026-27 Operating Budget. Key presentation highlights included:

**Legislative & Policy Updates:** Overview of state legislative outcomes and regional budget considerations.

**Compensation & Personnel:** Includes a 1% across-the-board salary increase, alongside provisions for new faculty and staff positions.

**Tuition, Fees & Allocations:** Review of tuition and fee structures, available revenue streams, and resource allocations.

**Higher Education Department (HED) & Fund Summaries:** Comprehensive breakdown of HED budget components, current funds, instruction & general (I&G) funds, unrestricted funds, and plant funds.

**Facilities & Capital Project Updates:** K. Brooks presented progress updates on active institution infrastructure initiatives, including roof repairs, installation of a video wall in the Student Resource Building, the Sunland Park center expansion, and major cooling and steam system upgrades. Projects are financed through a combination of Capital Outlay funds, general funds, statewide General Obligation (GO) Bonds, and Severance Tax Bonds. The complete presentation is available on the [DACC Advisory Board Page](#).

Decision/Action: Motion to approve DACC 2026-27 Budget as presented made by E. Garay; seconded by R. Wofford; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the DACC Single Advisory Board meeting made by E. Garay, seconded by R. Wofford; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

## DACC ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

### Gadsden School Board Members Present:

Laura Salazar Flores  
Corina Medrano

### Hatch School Board Members Present:

Elva Garay

### Las Cruces School Board Members Present:

Patrick Nolan  
Robert Wofford

### DACC Faculty/Staff Present:

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Mónica Torres     | Vicki Haggard          |
| Kelly Brooks      | Mary Ulrich            |
| Ike Ledesma       | Josie Carmona (Zoom)   |
| Kristi Martin     | Elmer Gonzalez (Zoom)  |
| Gerald Lisik      | Julien Kouame          |
| Shannon Bradley   | Michelle Guzman-Armijo |
| Joe Butler (Zoom) | Adrian Luna (Zoom)     |

**Call to Order:** Mr. Patrick Nolan, President, called the DACC Advisory Board meeting to order at 7:08 PM on Thursday, May 7, 2026.

**Roll Call:** C. Medrano 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 L. Salazar Flores; seconded by R. Wofford; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve August 26, 2025 meeting minutes as presented made by R. Wofford; seconded by L. Salazar Flores; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

## 1. President's Update – Dr. Mónica Torres

Key Discussion Points: **Institutional Highlights & Accomplishments**

- **Student & Program Successes:**
  - Recognition of SkillsUSA student achievements.
  - Announcement of a new Journalism grant award.
  - Expansion of co-enrollment pathways leading from DACC to the NMSU College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES).
- **Donor Relations & Community Support:**
  - **FirstLight Federal Credit Union:** Recognized for a \$250,000 gift over 5 years to support the Comfort Casita food pantry initiative.
  - **Financial Aid Event:** Hosted a Financial Aid Information event that awarded fifteen \$1,000 student scholarships.
- **Faculty & Staff Awards:**
  - **James Cadena:** Recipient of the 2025 Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Teaching Award.
  - **Elmer Gonzalez:** Recognized for institutional/professional award honors.
  - **Bethuel Khamala:** Recipient of an NMSU award.
  - **ENLACE LCPS Award:** Recognized for partnership excellence.
- **Strategic Planning & Mission Scope:**
  - **Strategic Plan Update:** The updated Strategic Plan, built around three core pillars, will officially roll out at the September board meeting.
  - **Student Impact Story:** Shared a student success story focused on career exploration within the Workforce & Community Engagement unit.
  - **Institutional Core Mission:** Reaffirmed DACC's mission to serve learners across four distinct core areas: Workforce Development, Transfer Education, Adult Education, and Small Business Development.

Decision/Action: None.

## 2. Dual Credit – Ms. Shannon Bradley

Key Discussion Points: Following the December joint meeting between the NMSU Board of Regents and the DACC Advisory Board, Dr. Torres requested Shannon Bradley, AVP for Academic Affairs, to

present an overview comparing dual credit and early college high school programs. S. Bradley detailed the key differences between general Dual Credit enrollment and structured Early College High School (ECHS) pathways. Members inquired whether DACC tracks dual credit and ECHS students regarding their post-secondary progress (e.g., matriculation to NMSU or degree completion). Tracking for these student cohorts has not been systematically conducted since prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. DACC will resume tracking progress over the summer and present updated data at a future meeting. GISD is exploring options to relocate Alta Vista to a separate campus to establish an independent identity. Options include potential placement at DACC's Chaparral Center (DAGC). Although previous discussions regarding construction near DAGC did not reach agreement, DACC remains open to further conversations. Relocation to Loma Linda Elementary is also under consideration by the district.

Decision/Action: None.

### 3. Board Announcements & Comments

Key Discussion Points: Next Meetings:

- Thursday, September 3 @ 6:00 PM (Regular Meeting)
- Thursday, May 6, 2027 @ 6:00 PM (Single Board required – Operating Agreement, Election of Officers, Budget, Bond Finance Plan, GO Bond Resolution)

**C. Medrano** – was a teacher for 50 years, glad to be serving on the board.

**L. Salazar Flores** – welcome to C. Medrano who started on the GISD board in January; Tuesday, 5/5 at the GISD board meeting new superintendent Nubia Tarazona was named; shout out to Chaparral middle school, band placed 9<sup>th</sup> at state; Santa Theresa High School took 3<sup>rd</sup> place at state; 5/5 meeting recognized bilingual literacy/dual language programs; next week DACC commencement.

**E. Garay** – 5/20 board meeting; robing ceremony on 5/13; Hatch has a new superintendent, Dr. Fred Montalvo; lady Bears softball team first round at state 12<sup>th</sup> seed played 5<sup>th</sup> seed lost 13-12; students in track are going to state too.

**R. Wofford** – this time of year is a time of celebration – 3 graduations; senior award ceremonies; elementary art reception 5/7 at central office; also have senior walks going on. LCPS did alright with the legislature (1% salary increase, did well with capital outlay); “right-sizing” – after teachers leave/retire, looking at needs; budget process, no findings in last year audit; outside consultant hired for policy and governance perspectives, to review how the district operates with regard to governance.

**P. Nolan** – busy time of year.

Decision/Action: None.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the DACC Advisory Board meeting made by E. Garay; seconded by R. Wofford; no discussion, all in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

DACC Advisory Board