



Data Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

December 8, 2025

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1. Welcome & Introductions

Mark Chisholm, Dina Advani, Johanna Sandoval, Jody Weber, Anita Gavin, Carrie Tsosie-Jim, Charla Orozco, Todd DeKay, Kate McGowan, William Brown, Dr. Barbara Medina Alejandra Villalobos and Carmella Sanchez.

2. Previous Meetings Minutes Review

No corrections noted

3. Graduate Degree Inventory

Dina Advani- NMT had reached out to us with some of their programs to do some clean up on their programs. We realized this might be a good idea for us to do with our other institutions. We have decided to start with the 4 years schools but only in Graduate degrees. We want to make sure the data on our side is correct. After we have completed the clean up with the graduate degrees, we will move forward with the 2-year institutions. We will be considerate with timeline like 6-8weeks. Mark Chisholm- we will include inventory with degrees that have not seen any activity recently and a request a decision on status of program. Kate McGowan- schools report on cipcopes by completion to IPEDS. I believe most institutions already have something in place based on IPEDS reporting. I don't believe this will be such a big ask as you think since we are already reporting this to IPEDS. Although IR's generally don't have projections or insight into proposed new programs or degree outcomes.

4. State Opportunity Index Survey

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Dina Advani -The state opportunity index survey measures the student's real college experience. The report shows NM in five areas Clear outcomes, quality coaching affordability, work based learning, and employer alignment. Return in investment NM came out with a 70% overall. Clear outcomes NM ranked as developing. I shared the link to the report for your review. It explains how the data is produced and rankings. Quality coaching NM is grayed out or developing. Although the 2-year institutions are showing as leading. Work based learning is not ranked, it is grayed out. Employer alignment is listed as foundational which means there was not enough data to rank. I've spoken with Strada Institution and asked how NM could work with them on the data for NM. They are willing to work with us to get this data for next report. It seems like a fairly easy process. I wanted to open this up here with DAG to see if any of the institutions would be willing to distribute the survey to obtain the data needed to participate. Kate McGowan- it seems unlikely that UNM or NMSU was not contacted to obtain data from our institutions. Dina Advani-I don't know and couldn't find out how they got the current data or who supplied



- the data. Kate McGowan- If NMSU had participated in this survey we would have been the people to supply this data, and I don't recall any request from The Strata foundation. Dina Advani- would anybody else like to be on the call with the Strata foundation to find out requirements/criteria. Kate McGowan- I can't see why we would not want to participate.
- Todd DeKay- looking over the report I don't feel they have the correct data or data at all especially in the affordability in the 4-year institutions. Mark Chisholm- this seems like a good idea for NM to participate thanks for doing this, Dina. Dina Advani- I am trying to get a meeting with the Strada Foundation in January to get details on how we can participate in the survey and gather data.
5. Annual Report- Institutional summary template
Mark Chisholm- shared an annual report draft on screen. Two pages per school with a data breakdown. The faculty survey data for each institution is also included as it is mandated. Overall counts on financial aid are also included. I am very pleased with outcome and will be sharing as soon as Secretary Rodriguez approves the report.
 6. Capital projects Form-Dawn Kenney
Dawn Kenny- the 1A form we fill out for Capital projects requires 10 years of FTE data it would be nice if what HED posts on website had 10 years as well. This would make it easier for the Institutions, so we don't have to store readily available data for 10 years. Kate McGowan- we also have this same issue. The FTE HED capital project uses is different than the FTE data the institutions store. Capital projects use the data that Institutions report to eDEAR. Dina Advani- we publish 8 years of data on our website and if we do need to get 10 years of data it's not a hard ask to produce the data needed for each institution. Mark Chisholm- Well Dina, let's set up a meeting with Joe and his people to see if we can work this out. We don't want to make more work for our Institutions. Todd DeKay- shared the Form1-A in the chat that is produced by HED capital projects
 7. HED Updates
 - a. C.A.O.'s
Mark Chiholm-We met a few weeks ago and it was a successful meeting. We are going to try and meet bi-annually to discuss issues and concerns. One topic we discussed was math requirements and how math is being taught.
 - b. A.P.
Mark Chiholm-AP is coming out with 2 new tests. One on cyber security and one on business and person finance.
 - c. Dual Credit
Annual report is in progress. Jody Weber- We are close to finalizing the report and hoping to have it out by January-February.
 - d. Faculty Survey-Mark Chisholm We are still waiting for final approval to be finalized by Secretary Rodriguez. We will get that out as soon as that is done.



8. Next meeting

a. Meeting dates for 2026:

- January 12
- February- skipped due to Legislative session
- March 16
- April 13
- May 11
- June 8
- July 13
- August 10
- September 14
- October 5
- November 9
- December 7

b. Are there any topics that should be added to upcoming agendas?