

# Immigrant/Refugee Student Success Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2026



Time	Topic	Presenter(s)
1:00 pm	<b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Grounding Exercise</li><li>- Today's Agenda</li></ul>	Program Coordinator Saaka & Chair Sedda
1:05 pm	<b>Immigrant/Refugee Student Success Plan Funding Model</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Sources of IRSSP Funding – Student Investment Account<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o 2 million every biennium for grants</li></ul></li><li>- Timeline and Spend-down for 2024-2025<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Hiring for program happened in August of 2024, first cohort grants went out 7 months later.</li><li>o The first cohort only had 125 days to spend 2M. Only about \$80K went unspent which is returned to the account.</li></ul></li><li>- Funding for 2026-2028<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Legislature cut funding, so expected approx. 4M for biennium was cut to approx. 2M.</li><li>o Seeking feedback for funding distribution to Cohort 2 – have two options:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Give \$400K to each applicant, maxing out at 10 grantees.</li><li>▪ Distribute different amounts to different grantees based on project plans and tier awards to allow for 13 grantees.</li></ul></li><li>o Members had differing opinions, some feeling that grantees could make a bigger difference with the full grant amount, and/or that grantees had applied with the full grant amount in mind and designed their programs around it and changing would be detrimental to the plans,</li></ul></li></ul>	Program Coordinator Saaka

	<p>and others believing that dispersing funds more widely would have a bigger impact.</p>	
1:20 pm	<p><b>Advisory Group (AG) Feedback Loop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Legislative Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Key themes from feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clarity, consistency, and professional presentation</li> <li>▪ Precise and intentional language</li> <li>▪ Naming immigrational status and mobility</li> <li>▪ Consistent use of acronyms and organizational names</li> <li>▪ Data accuracy and completeness</li> <li>▪ Accurate and respectful representation of community experience</li> </ul> </li> <li>o The final draft has been submitted to ODE's leadership team. They will review and share feedback which will be integrated before the report is sent to the legislature.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Feedback Loop: Whole Group, Asynchronous, ODE Implementation, Report back to AG</li> </ul>	Program Coordinator Harless
1:40pm	<p><b>Update on the Request for Application (RFA) Process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AG Feedback on RFA Application Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Members discussed questions in breakouts and collected feedback for program coordinators in feedback form.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Program Coordinator Harless & Chair Sedda
2:18 pm	<b>*Break*</b>	
2:26 pm	<p><b>Oregon's Accountability Implementation Action Plan for SB 141</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#"><u>District Performance &amp; Continuum of Supports</u></a></li> <li>- Public Transparency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Members discussed plan in breakouts</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Program Coordinator Saaka & Chair Sedda

	<p>and collected feedback for program coordinators in feedback form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ More information on SB 141:  <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/ode/accountability/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/ode/accountability/Pages/default.aspx</a> </li> </ul>	
2:55 pm	<b>AG Member Announcements</b>	Chair Sedda
3:00 pm	<b>Meeting Adjourned</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Next meeting is February 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM</li> </ul>	Chair Sedda
<p><b>Members Present:</b> Member Avila, Member Bautista-Sanchez, Member Burns, Member Dhote, Member Elliot, Member Hernandez, Member Huerta, Member Kong, Member Nelson, Member Pickens, Member Safi, Chair Sedda</p> <p><b>Members Absent:</b> Member Ramirez, Member Saeed, Vice-Chair Shelehoff</p> <p><b>ODE Staff Present:</b> Mujidat Saaka, Heidi Lee Harless, April Negrette, Meghan Rogers-Czarnecki</p>		