

Latino/a/x and Indigenous* Student Success Plan Advisory Group Meeting June 17, 2025, 2:00-4:00pm

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)
2:00 pm	Welcome	Susy Mekarski, Program Coordinator / Chair/ Vice-Chair
2:05 pm	Agenda	Susy Mekarski, Program Coordinator
2:05 pm	ODE Updates & Community Discussion Member Discussion Reviewing the Currently Proposed Budget Cuts: ■ These proposed cuts are not reflecting the numbers of students reflected within this community ■ Based on the rough numbers of a 50% cut, it could be that each program faces a proportional cut of 50% funding. □ Q: If the budget has been reduced, is there a plan for adjusting the support to grantees? How? Who is involved? How can this Advisory Group help? ■ Because our grantees come from school districts, CBOs, etc. the reporting is very difficult to measure all grantees and activities in a uniform way. ODE does the very best we can in being responsible delegates and do not take the given responsibility lightly. ■ How as an Advisory Group can we set up a plan for this cut in order to reduce the level of impact on our students? We need to think about program sustainability and the impact this will have. ■ Once grantees receive an executed contract there is a line that acknowledges that this grant straddles three biennium. That being said, we are always dependent on the state legislature and the future allocation of funds. ○ Recognize that these are large questions to wrestle with, and likely this conversation is just beginning. Please reach out as ideas, questions, comments and concerns arise. ■ This is not a time to give up, we are standing for our students and will continue to advocate as a group.	Susy Mekarski, Program Coordinator/ Chair/Advisory
2:50 pm	Approval of the May Minutes	Susy Mekarski, Program Coordinator
2:52 pm	Workday Updates/Account Set up As part of this meeting's follow up email members will receive instructions for how to create their Extended Enterprise Learner (EEL) Workday account	Jenni Amado, Latinx SSP Team

	 Once the account is created, ODE will assign two mandatory trainings These trainings are annual, and will be revisited each year as long as members stay on Estimated completion time for both trainings is roughly 1 hour and 15 minutes depending on the speed at which one reads As always, if there are any questions, clarifications or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out, ODE is always available to support 	
2:56 pm	Review of Budget Consolidation A letter from Assistant Superintendent Tori Sims was read aloud. Key points: Senate Bill 5515 proposes a \$20 million reduction in consolidated funding for all Student Success Plans (SSPs) for the 2025–2027 biennium. This is a significant decrease from the 2023–2025 biennium. Current grants remain funded through June 30, 2025. Future funding and action plans will need reevaluation post-legislative session. In order to remain impartial, ODE can only do the following: Factual information about the legislative process, timeline, data on current SSP investments and outcomes. Clarification on the implications of the proposed changes ODE cannot engage in advocacy or direct lobbying efforts. However, we recognize that individuals and organizations may choose to use the	Susy Mekarski, Program Coordinator
3:01 pm	information provided to inform their own decisions and actions. Break	
3:11 pm	Updates on the Latinx Application Application was shared out in both English and Spanish Timeline: Close application July 31st @ 5pm Compile into scoring sheet and prep for kickoff - week August 11th Application review kick-off meeting (30 min) week of August 18th Review applications Week of September 1st Input from Leadership Week of September 8th Send recommendations to Dr. Williams by Week of September 8th Dr. Williams reviews and signs off Week of September 15th Send appointment letters by Week of September 22nd After new AG members accept, reach out to alternates if needed If any Advisory Group members would like to help out with the review process please reach out!	Susy Mekarski, Program Coordinator

3:35 pm	Setting the Latinx AG Schedule for the 25/26 Year	Latinx AG
	Meeting schedule has been the third Tuesday of the month, 2:00-4:00 pm	
	 Would the group prefer to begin the 25-26 SY meeting schedule in September or 	
	October?	
	 Due to beginning of the year schedules and timing October would likely be a more convenient time to start 	
	 Decided it is best for the group to begin monthly meetings in October 	
	 Would the group like to have an in-person meeting this September/October? 	
	 Note, new members won't be onboarded in time for September meeting 	
	 Proposed time for in person is 10:00 am - 3:00 pm in person meeting to accommodate travel time 	
	 Group decision is to meet virtually in October 	
	Members comment that it is important to meet in person, everyone felt the	
	difference breathing community in person following the pandemic.	
	 Potentially meeting in person later in the school year once new Advisory 	
	Group members have been onboarded and their schedules can be accommodated as well.	
	 The in-person meeting can be someplace other than Salem, there are options to be wherever the group deems best fit. 	
3:29 pm	Closing	Chair/ Vice-Chair
3:35pm	Meeting Adjourned.	

Members Present: Osvaldo Garcia-Contreras, Guadalupe Quinn, Javier Calderon, Karina Guzman Ortiz, Silvana Balladares, Cynthia Carmina Gomez, Osvaldo Avila, Arcema Tovar

Members Absent: Rebecca Arce, Isabella Baldisseri, Amanda Boman-Mejia, Mirna Loreli Cibrian, Frida Nicole Cruz Ochoa, Elena Espinoza, Rutila Galvan, Abdi Lopez, Kelsey Nava-Costales, Claudia Nunez, Norma Ramirez Gonzalez, Nazario Rivera, Rudyane Rivera-Lindstrom, Karina Smith

ODE Staff Present: Susan Mekarski, Program Coordinator/Grant Manager; Jenni Amado, Latinx SSP Team