



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

**2025 Reimagining and Improving Student Education Committee (RISE  
Committee) Negotiated Rulemaking**  
**September 29 – October 3, 2025**  
**November 3-7, 2025**

**Facilitator (non-voting)**

Facilitator: Annmarie Weisman

**Non-Federal Negotiators**

**Legal assistance organizations that represent students and borrowers, consumer advocates, and civil rights groups that represent students.**

Primary: Ashley Naporlee, Lead Attorney, Consumer Protection Team, Legal Aid Society of San Diego

Alternate: Tamar Hoffman, Staff Attorney, Homeownership and Consumer Rights Unit, Community Legal Services of Philadelphia

**Student loan servicers, collection agencies, lenders, and guaranty agencies.**

Primary: Alexander Ricci, National Council of Higher Education Resources, President

Alternate: Lori Hartung, Education Computer Systems, Inc., Regional Sales Executive

**Organizations Representing Taxpayers and the Public Interest.**

Primary: Alexander Holt, Senior Advisor on Higher Education for the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget

Alternate: Dr. Andrew Gillen, Cato Institute

**Private Nonprofit Institutions of Higher Education Including Institutions Eligible to Receive Federal Assistance Under Title III and Title V of the HEA, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities.**

Primary: Jenna Colvin, Georgia Independent College Association, President

Alternate: Patti Kohler, Western Governors University Financial Aid Office, Vice President

**Proprietary Institutions of Higher Education, as Defined in 34 CFR 600.5.**

Primary: Andy Vaughn, Alliant International University, President and Chief Executive Officer

Alternate: Jeffrey Bodimer, Regulatory Compliance and Financial Aid, Vice President, Post University

**Public Institutions of Higher Education Including Institutions Eligible to Receive Federal Assistance Under Title III and Title V of the HEA, Tribal Colleges and Universities and Historically Black Colleges and Universities.**

Primary: Timothy B. King, Vice Provost for Student Success, Jacksonville State University

Alternate: Matthew Ellsworth, Director, Office of Financial Aid, Western Carolina University

**State Officials, Including State Student Grant Agencies, State Higher Education Executive Officers, and Representatives of Authorizing Agencies.**

Primary: Scott Kemp, Student Loan Advocate, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Alternate: Bennett Boggs, Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development, Commissioner

**Student Loan Borrowers, including Borrowers in School, Deferment, Forbearance, Delinquent, Default, and currently in Repayment.**

Primary: Deborah Lilly, UnitedHealthcare, Senior Project Manager

Alternate: Emeka Oguh, CEO, PeopleJoy

**Student loan borrowers who are Veterans, U.S. Military Service Members, or Groups Representing Them.**

Primary: Faisal Sulman, Student Veterans of America (SVA), Legal Fellow

Alternate: Robert H. Carey, Jr., National Defense Committee

**Federal Negotiator**

Negotiator: Tamy Abernathy, Department of Education

**Office of General Counsel (non-voting)**

OGC: Jacob Lallo, Office of General Counsel