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OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

2026 Accreditation, Innovation, and Modernization (AIM) Committee
Negotiated Rulemaking
April 13 - 17, 2026
May 18 - 22, 2026

Facilitator (non-voting)

Facilitator: Kayla Mack

Non-Federal Negotiators

Students, student loan borrowers, or groups representing them

Primary: Magnus Noble, University of Illinois Springfield

Alternate: Ryan Hofer, National University of Natural Medicine

Veterans and U.S. military service members, or groups representing them

Primary: Julie Howell, Paralyzed Veterans of America

Alternate: Colonel Stuart B. Helgeson, Valley Forge Military College

Organizations representing workforce development needs, professional associations or employers

Primary: Siri Terjesen, Florida Atlantic University

Legal assistance organizations, consumer advocates, and civil rights organizations that represent students or borrowers

Primary: Rabbi A.D. Motzen, Agudath Israel of America

Public Institutions of Higher Education, including Community Colleges, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities

Primary: Monty Sullivan, Louisiana Community and Technical College System (Ret.)

Alternate: Luciano DeCastro, University of Iowa

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Private Nonprofit Institutions of Higher Education, including institutions with a religious mission, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities

Primary: David Eubanks, Furman University

Alternate: William L. Hathaway, Regent University

Proprietary Institutions of Higher Education, as defined in 34 CFR 600.5

Primary: Jeffrey Bodimer, Post University

Alternate: David Cohen, Five Towns College

State officials, including Governors, State higher education executive officers, State authorizing agencies and State attorneys general

Primary: Raymond Rodrigues, State University System of Florida

Alternate: Michael Duffey, Ohio Department of Higher Education

Institutional accrediting agencies recognized by the Secretary under 34 CFR part 602

Primary: Michale S. McComis, Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges

Alternate: Heather F. Perfetti, Middle States Commission on Higher Education

Programmatic accrediting agencies recognized by the Secretary under 34 CFR part 602

Primary: Rebecca A. Busacca, National Accreditation Commission

Alternate: Brian Kessler, Meritus School of Osteopathic Medicine

Organizations representing taxpayers and the public interest

Primary: Michael Shires, America First Policy Institute

Alternate: Jim Blew, Defense of Freedom Institute

Nascent accreditation organizations not currently recognized by the Secretary under 34 CFR part 602, and third-party organizations that measure outcome-based quality assurance standards for postsecondary education that are aligned with established industry standards

Primary: Mark Becker, Commission for Public Higher Education

Alternate: Jade Foster, National Council for AI Workforce Program Accreditation

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity

Primary: Jennifer Blum, Blum Higher Education Advising, PLLC

Federal Negotiator

Negotiator: Jeffrey Andrade, Department of Education

Subject Matter Expert (non-voting)

SME: Elizabeth Daggett, Office of Postsecondary Education

Office of General Counsel (non-voting)

OGC: Jacob Lallo, Office of General Counsel