



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**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, Independent Advocate for Student Borrower

**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