



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: Vacant

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

