



Barstow Area Consortium for Adult Education  
Board **MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 (8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)  
(\*Materials in Board Packet)

**In-Person at Barstow Community College – CTE Bldg. Z Conference Room  
2700 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311**

**Website: <https://www.barstow.edu/bacae>**

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Call to Order:

Attending:	Voting Member	Voting Member	Attendee
Baker Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> Milan Stijepovic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Esposito	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barstow CC	<input type="checkbox"/> Eva Bagg	<input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Rodden	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Alvarado		
Barstow AS	<input type="checkbox"/> Scott Godfrey	<input type="checkbox"/> Douglas Beaton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Colleoc
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deanna Swearingen		
Silver Valley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Youskievicz	<input type="checkbox"/> Brice Scott	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consortium Staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elena Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karl Corbo	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1. \*Approval of Minutes – April 16, 2026

*Motioned to approve by M. Esposito; 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Youskievicz. Meeting started at 8:38am.*

2. Public Comment – Public comment will be allowed on any topic relevant to the BACAE. Pursuant to BACAE Policy, comments are limited to 3 minutes per person. Please begin your comment by stating your name.

3. Closed Session – *None Requested*

4. Guest Speakers – *None*

5. Consortium Director’s Report

5.1 Director’s Updates

*E. Rivera reports out that BACAE is excited to host graduation on May 16<sup>th</sup> and celebrate our graduates. E. Rivera reports out the idea of having two graduation ceremonies a year with one in December and one in Spring moving forward. E. Rivera shared that BACAE participated in two outreach events recently. The Cinco de Mayo Festival in Barstow and Route 66 Big Bash in Newberry Springs. BACAE is also launching K12 Pathways Paraeducator program again starting*

*on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026. All districts are welcome to spread the word and have their AE students attend.*

5.2 CAEP Upcoming Deadlines & Other Dates –

- May 4: CFAD for 2026-27 due in NOVA - COMPLETED
- Jun 1: 25/26 Member Expense Report due in NOVA (Q3)
- Jun 30: 25/26 Member Expense Report certified by Consortia in NOVA (Q3) \*
- Jun 30: End of Q4
- Jul 15: Student Data due in TOPSPro (Q4) FINAL

5.3 Member Program Update: Barstow Adult School – **BUSD**

*M. Colleoc reports BAC has 518 students registered, 356 currently enrolled, 35 students left to post test for the year. BAC expects 105 graduates this year. BAC is sending staff to the CASAS Summer Institute and GED Conference this year. BAC will be going dark after graduation for the summer.*

5.4 Member Program Update: Barstow Community College - **BCC**

*L. Alvarado reports on the current happenings of the College, CTE and Adult Education programs. E. Rivera reports the college is no longer going to complete CASAS testing for GED students, instead will be reporting data via MIS. Adult Ed. has requested for formal GED classes to be approved through the CCC process instead of GED workshops. E. Rivera reports conversations occurring with Newberry Springs and Hinkley regarding educational support in those communities. E. Rivera reports BCC and the Vibrant Villages project will be having listening sessions during the summer to further engage communities we serve. K. Corbo reports that we have 47 active students, 14 prospective students in progress, and 4 GED completers currently.*

5.5 Member Program Update: **Baker Valley USD**

*M. Esposito reports BVUSD has three adult school graduates this year and that classes are going well. Transportation continues to be a major issue for BVUSD. M. Esposito spoke about some of the opportunities around Baker for students related to employment. BVUSD Adult School will be going dark for the summer.*

5.6 Member Program Update: **Silver Valley USD**

*J. Youskievicz reports that SVUSD has about 60 students currently enrolled in their program. They are expecting 11-12 graduates this year for Adult Education. Adult Ed. graduation ceremony is scheduled for May 18. J. Youskievicz reported that the GED Testing Center will remain open this summer.*

5.7 BCC Fiscal Agent Report: By T. Walker/A. Felton – Baker Valley has an outstanding warrant.

5.8 Website, Marketing & Social Media Update: By A. Paniagua – Discussed and well received.

## 6. Discussion Items

- 6.1 2026-2027 MOU – E. Rivera will hold discussion with each district member to receive feedback about possible changes/updates for the new MOU.
- 6.2 2026-2027 BACAE Annual Plan - E. Rivera will hold discussion with each district member to receive feedback about possible changes/updates for the new MOU.

*Draft plans were provided to each district to review.*

## 7. Action Items

- 7.1 None

## 8. Announcements

- 8.1 2025-2026 BACAE Board Meeting Dates & Location  
Meetings to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 8:30 to 10:30am

June 10, 2026
Dark July 2026

- 8.2 2025-2026 – BACAE Working Group Meetings

Weekly Zoom on Thursdays at 3pm
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- 8.3 Conferences/Webinars

- **CASAS National Summer Institute** – June 15-18, 2026 – Hyatt Regency in Orange County  
Register at <https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/SI>  
(Registration starts on January 12, 2026)
- **2026 GED National Conference** – July-31, 2026 – Atlanta, GA

9. Adjournment: *Motioned to approve by J. Youskievicz; 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Esposito. Meeting adjourned at 9:43am*