



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

**2023 Negotiated Rulemaking Student Loan Debt Relief Committee  
US Department of Education  
Non-Federal Negotiators and Facilitators  
October, November, December, 2023**

**Facilitators (non-voting)**

Cynthia Jeffries, John Weathers, and Brady Roberts or Mike Franczak with **Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service**

**Non-Federal Negotiators**

**Civil Rights Organizations**

Wisdom Cole, NAACP (primary)

India Heckstall, Center for Law and Social Policy (alternate)

**Legal Assistance Organizations that Represent Students or Borrowers**

Kyra Taylor, National Consumer Law Center, (primary)

Scott Waterman, Student Loan Committee of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees, (alternate)

**State Officials, including State higher education executive officers, State authorizing agencies, and State regulators of institutions of higher education.**

Lane Thompson, Oregon DCBS - Division of Financial Regulation, (primary)

Amber Gallup, New Mexico Higher Education Department, (alternate)

**State Attorneys General**

Yael Shavit, Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General, (primary)

Josh Divine, Missouri Attorney General's Office, (alternate)

**Public Institutions of Higher Education, Including Two-Year and Four-Year Institutions**

Melissa Kunes, The Pennsylvania State University, (primary)

J.D. LaRock, North Shore Community College, (alternate)

**Private Nonprofit Institutions of Higher Education**

Angelika Williams, University of San Francisco, (primary)

Susan Teerink, Marquette University, (alternate)

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**Proprietary Institutions**

Kathleen Dwyer, Galen College of Nursing, (primary)  
Belen Gonzalez, Mech-Tech College, (alternate)

**Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and Minority-Serving Institutions (institutions of higher education eligible to receive Federal assistance under title III, parts A and F, and title V of the HEA)**

Sandra Boham, Salish Kootenai College, (primary)  
Carol Peterson, Langston University, (alternate)

**Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Lenders, Servicers, or Guaranty Agencies**

Scott Buchanan, Student Loan Servicing Alliance, (primary)  
Benjamin Lee, Ascendium Education Solutions, Inc., (alternate)

**Student Loan Borrowers Who Attended Programs of Two Years or Less**

Ashley Pizzuti, San Joaquin Delta College (primary)  
David Ramirez, Pasadena City College, (alternate)

**Student Loan Borrowers Who Attended Four-Year Programs**

Sherrie Gammage, The University of New Orleans, (primary)  
Sarah Christa Butts, University of Maryland, (alternate)

**Student Loan Borrowers Who Attended Graduate Programs**

Richard Haase, State University of New York at Stony Brook, (primary)  
Dr. Jalil Bishop, University of California, Los Angeles, (alternate)

**Currently Enrolled Postsecondary Education Students**

Jada Sanford, Stephen F. Austin University, (primary)  
Jordan Nellums, University of Texas, (alternate)

**U.S. Military Service Members, Veterans, or Groups Representing them**

Michael Jones, Veteran, (primary)  
Vincent Andrews, Veteran, (alternate)

**Consumer Advocates**

Jessica Ranucci, New York Legal Assistance Group, (primary)  
Ed Boltz, Law Offices of John T. Orcutt, P.C., (alternate)

**Individuals with Disabilities or Groups Representing them**

John Whitelaw, Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. (CLASI), (primary)  
Waukecha Wilkerson, Sacramento State University, (alternate)

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