

# TOWN HALL MEETING



FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025

10AM PST | 11AM MST | 12PM CST | 1PM EST



## OPENING REMARKS

**Dr. Miguel A. Cardona**

12th United States Secretary of Education

## DISTINGUISHED PANELISTS



**Deborah Palmer, Ph.D.**

Professor and Chair  
University of Colorado Boulder



**Ofelia García, Ph.D.**

Professor Emerita  
Graduate Center, CUNY



**Montserrat Garibay, B.A.**

Former Assistant Deputy Secretary-Dir  
U.S. Department of Education, OELA

POLICY | ADVOCACY | ACTIVISM | RESEARCH | SCHOLARSHIP | PRACTICE



In this pivotal moment of shifting political tides and urgent calls for justice, we're coming together to ask:

- What pressing issues are shaping the field of bi-/multilingual education today across policy, advocacy, research, and practice?
- How can we better support our bi-/multilingual communities and advance the work?

Join us to reflect, connect, and build a movement rooted in advocacy, inclusion, and action. ASL Interpretation will be available.

**Your voice matters! Scan the QR code or [follow this link](#) to join the conversation.**

# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Bilingual Education Research



## ADDITIONAL REMARKS BY NATIONAL EDUCATION ORGANIZATION LEADERS

**Diep Nguyen** | President & Chief Executive Officer  
Center for Applied Linguistics



**Michael Rodríguez** | Executive Director  
Dual Language Education of New Mexico



**Margarita Machado Casas** | President  
**Josefina Villamil Tinajero** | Vice President  
National Association for Bilingual Education



**Larry Paska** | Executive Director  
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages



**Danielle Staudt** | Executive Director  
**Jeff Hutcheson** | Director of Advocacy and Public Policy | TESOL International Association



**Tim Boals** | Founder and Senior Principal Investigator  
**Samuel Aguirre** | Senior Director of Consortium and State Relations | World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment

