

Board of Directors Meeting
February 12 and 13, 2026
Universidad Ana G. Méndez, Carolina Campus, Puerto Rico

As of **February 4, 2026**

HETS Board Members & Representatives

Executive Committee:

1. Eng. Gladys Nieves, President, EDP University, Puerto Rico – **In Person**
HETS Chair
2. Dr. Tomás Morales, President, California State University, San Bernardino – **Virtual**
HETS Secretary
3. Dr. Olga E. Rivera, President & CEO, ICPR Junior College, Puerto Rico – **In Person**
HETS Treasurer
4. Dr. Maritza Rondón Rangel, Chancellor, *Universidad Cooperativa de Colombia* – **In Person**
HETS International Representative

Board Members - In Person:

5. Dr. José Méndez, **Host**, President, Ana G. Méndez University, Puerto Rico
6. Dr. María Hernández Núñez, President, Atenas University Dr. María Luisa Hernández, Puerto Rico
7. Dr. Nelson Soto, President, Albizu University, Puerto Rico
8. Dr. Ramón Edecio Pineda Varela, Chancellor, *Instituto Superior Tecnológico* Consulting Group, Ecuador
9. Dr. Sanjay Ramdath, Vice President of Enrollment Management, Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY (Designated Representative)
10. Dr. Jacqueline Álvarez Peña, *Vicepresidenta de Asuntos Académicos y Estudiantiles, Universidad Interamericana*, Puerto Rico (Designated Representative)
11. Dr. Betsy Vidal, Vice President Student Affairs, NUC University & Columbia Central University, Puerto Rico (Designated Representative)
12. Mr. Sunil Gupta, Vice President Adult Continuing Education & Workforce Development LaGuardia Community College, CUNY, (Designated Representative)
13. Dr. Francisco García, Director for Center for Online Learning and Teaching Technology University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, (Designated Representative)
14. Dr. Mary Jo Parker, Executive Director Scholars Academy, University of Houston Downtown (Designated Representative)
15. Dr. Elena Umland, Dean and Professor, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, New York (Designated Representative)
16. Ms. Claudia Hernández, Chief of the Staff, Office of the President, University at Albany, SUNY (Designated Representative)
17. Dr. Xiomara Giordano, Assistant Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer, SUNY Empire State University, New York, (Designated Representative)
18. Dr. Kristina Harb, Title V Program Assistant, On PACE for STEM Success, New Jersey City University (Designated Representative)
19. Arq. Wilma Santiago, Executive Vice President, University of Puerto Rico (Designated Representative)
20. Yarleen González, Esq., Dean of Student, *Colegio Universitario de San Juan*, Puerto Rico – **(TBC)**

Board Members - Virtual:

21. Dr. Elizabeth de León, President, Guttman Community College, CUNY
22. Dr. Carlos Guevara, Co-Director, Office of Educational Technology, Hostos Community College, CUNY (Designated Representative)
23. Dr. Carmen V. Lidz, MS – Vice Chancellor & CIO, Los Angeles Community College District, California (Designated Representative)
24. Ms. Theresa Arias, Director of Learning Innovation, Hill College, Texas (Designated Representative)

25. Dr. Elizabeth Rodríguez, Dean of Academic Innovation & Technology, Laredo College, Texas (Designated Representative)
26. Dr. Brenda Méndez, Director of Career Development, California State University, Dominguez Hills (Designated Representative)
27. Ms. Gabriela Guzman Burns, Director of CEDA, California State University, Fullerton (Designated Representative)
28. Mr. Eduardo Leyva, Director, Center for Equitable Digital Access, California State University, Long Beach (Designated Representative)
29. Dr. Naydeen González, Vice President, Lawrence Campus & Community Relations Northern Essex Community College, Massachusetts, (Designated Representative)
30. Dr. Irving Maldonado, Dean of Academic Affairs, San Juan Bautista School of Medicine, Puerto Rico (Designated Representative)
31. Mr. Denis Bejar, Academic Applications Director, Instructional Support, Queensborough Community College (CUNY), (Designated Representative)
32. Dr. Miriam Osborne, Vice President, Student Success & Enrollment Management Chesapeake College, Maryland, (Designated Representative)
33. Dr. Teresita Levy, Associate Provost for Experiential Learning and Executive Director for Industry Partnerships, Lehman College (CUNY), (Designated Representative) – **(TBC)**
34. Dr. Melissa Rodriguez Santos, *Directora Relaciones Internacionales, Instituto Tecnológico Rumiñahui, Ecuador* (Designated Representative) – **(TBC)**

New Members

35. Ms. Cynthia Vázquez Jara, Founder & Chancellor, *Instituto Tecnológico San Antonio, TESA*, Ecuador – **In Person**
36. Dr. Ivette Torres Vera, *Directora del Instituto de Educación Virtual*, Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico – **In Person**
37. Dr. Milton Santiago, Interim President, New York City College of Technology (CUNY) – **Virtual**

Special Guests

38. Dr. Wladimir Paredes Parada, *Consejo de Aseguramiento de Calidad (CACES)*, Ecuador– **In Person**
39. Ms. Ingrid Y. Colón Hernández, Special Assistant to the President, Atenas University, Dr. María Luisa Hernández, Puerto Rico – **In Person**
40. Ms. Priscila Barrera Carmona, *Promotora, Instituto Superior Tecnológico Consulting Group*, Ecuador – **In Person**

Major Corporate & Partners Members

41. Mr. Eric Belardo, President & Founder, **Raices Cyber Org** – **In person**
42. Ms. Yarice Hidalgo, Executive Director, **Raices Cyber Org** – **In person**
43. Mr. Carlos Crespo, Executive Director, **COBIMET** – **In person**
44. Mr. Juan Mayr, Marketing Manager Latin America & Caribbean, **Symplicity** – **In person**
45. Mr. Gabriel Hernández, Regional Director - Latin America & Caribbean, **Symplicity** – **In person**
46. Dr. Charlene Walton, **American Heart Association** - **In person**
47. Ms. Jessica Rassmussen, Senior Account Manager, **D2L Brightspace** – **In Person**
48. Mr. Rolando Mendez, Director of Education, **Teach Access** – **In person**
49. Ms. Kate Sonka, Executive Director, Teach Access – **Virtual**
50. Mr. Marcelo Rodríguez, President, **InQmatic** - **Virtual**
51. Brenda Weiss-Pesta, AVP Membership & Sponsorship, **Online Learning Consortium** - **Virtual**
52. Ms. Gina Rogoto, SVP, Operations & Programs, **For A Bright Future (FABF)** – **Virtual**

HETS Staff & Consultant

53. Dr. Yubelkys Montalvo, HETS Executive Director – **In person**
54. Ms. Izarys Gutiérrez, HETS Executive Assistant – **In person**
55. Ms. Stephanie Pérez, HETS Marketing & Social Media Consultant – **In person**