

Revised: September 24, 2025

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
FOURTH MEETING
of the
INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**September 25-26, 2025
Alamo Chapter House
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Alamo**

Thursday, September 25

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Shannon D. Pinto, Chair, Indian Affairs Committee
- 9:15 a.m. (1) **Welcome and Status Update from Alamo Chapter House**
—TBD
- 10:00 a.m. (2) **Update from the New Mexico Tribal Entrepreneurship Enhancement Program (NMTEEP)**
—Cecilia Becenti, Economic Development Specialist, NMTEEP, UNM Rainforest Innovations, University of New Mexico
—Lisa Kuuttilla, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Economic Development Officer, UNM Rainforest Innovations, University of New Mexico
- 11:00 a.m. (3) **Update from the Gaming Control Board (GCB)**
—Van Billops, C.P.A., Interim State Gaming Representative, GCB
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (4) **The Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) Sacred Beginnings Learning Tour**
—Joannie Suina, Ed.D., Assistant Secretary for Native American Early Childhood Education and Care, ECECD
—TBD
- 2:00 p.m. (5) **How Heat and Other Extreme Weather Events Impact Public Health**
—Shelley Mann-Lev, M.P.H., Executive Director, Healthy Climate New Mexico (HCNM)
—Christine Dobbin, M.P.H., Member, Board of Directors, HCNM
—Charles Goodmacher, M.A., Policy Advisor, HCNM

3:00 p.m. (6) **Northern New Mexico Climate and Traditions and the Impact of Climate Change on Traditional Ways of Life**
—Stephanie Moraga-McHaley, M.S., Member, Board of Directors, HCNM
—Melissa Riley, Ph.D., Member, Board of Directors, Native Community Development Associate, HCNM

4:00 p.m. **Public Comment***

4:30 p.m. **Recess**

Friday, September 26

9:30 a.m. **Reconvene**

9:35 a.m. (7) **Overview of Cross-Commissioning**
—Paul Estok, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service

10:00 a.m. (8) **Economic Impact and History of Tribal Gaming in New Mexico**
—James Rivera, President, Cornerstone Group, LLC

11:00 a.m. (9) **Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 Accommodations for State Employees**
—Sunny Gonzales, Union Steward, Communications Workers of America Local 7076

12:00 noon **Public Comment***

12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

*Members of the public may make virtual public comments during the public comment period of the meeting by following the instructions under the "Additional Information" section of the Indian Affairs Committee [web page](#).