

**MINUTES
of the
FIRST MEETING
of the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

**May 30, 2025
State Capitol Room 307
Santa Fe**

The first meeting of the Land Grant Committee was called to order by Representative Linda Serrato, chair, on May 30, 2025 at 10:07 a.m. in Room 307 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Rep. Linda Serrato, Chair
Sen. Leo Jaramillo, Vice Chair
Sen. Angel M. Charley
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Miguel P. García
Rep. Stefani Lord
Sen. Antonio Maestas
Rep. Matthew McQueen
Rep. Angelita Mejia
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics
Rep. E. Diane Torres-Velásquez

Absent

Rep. Susan K. Herrera
Sen. Anthony L. Thornton

Advisory Members

Rep. Catherine J. Cullen
Rep. Anita Gonzales
Sen. Linda M. López
Rep. Rod Montoya

Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Rep. Jimmy G. Mason
Sen. Micaelita Debbie O'Malley
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez

Staff

Ian Keller, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Mark Edwards, Bill Drafter, LCS
Nicole Waguespack, Researcher, LCS

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

Handouts

Handouts are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

References to Webcast

The time reference noted next to each agenda item in this document is cross-referenced to the webcast of the committee meeting, which can be found at www.nmlegis.gov, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and committee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Friday, May 30

Welcome and Introductions (10:07 a.m.)

Representative Serrato welcomed everyone and asked committee members and staff to introduce themselves.

In Memoriam (10:19 a.m.)

With a moment of silence, the committee recognized the passing of Joseph W. Padilla, former president and secretary of Los Vigiles Land Grant-Merced, and former Representative Eliseo Lee Alcon.

Introduction of Land Grant Issues (10:24 a.m.)

Arturo Archuleta, program manager, Land Grant Council/Land Grant Studies Program, University of New Mexico, gave a presentation outlining the main issues that land grants in New Mexico face. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LGC&Date=5/30/2025&ItemNumber=1>.

Introduction of Acequia Issues (11:12 a.m.)

Paula Garcia, executive director, New Mexico Acequia Association, gave a presentation outlining the main issues that acequias in New Mexico face. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LGC&Date=5/30/2025&ItemNumber=2>.

Review of Relevant Legislation from the 2025 Legislative Session (11:42 a.m.)

Mr. Keller provided an overview of legislation from the 2025 legislative session relevant to land grants and acequias. Specifically, Mr. Keller discussed House Bill 21 (2025), Senate Bill 208 (2025) and House Bill 330 (2025), none of which were signed into law.

2025 Proposed Work Plan and Meeting Schedule Discussion (11:50 a.m.)

Mr. Keller presented the proposed work plan and additional topics proposed by committee members to be added to the work plan. The committee adopted the work plan with the proposed topics incorporated into the plan.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.