

Revised: June 24, 2026

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

**June 23-25, 2026
Inn of the Mountain Gods
287 Carrizo Canyon Road
Mescalero**

Tuesday, June 23

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Shannon D. Pinto, Chair
- 10:15 a.m. (1) **Welcome and History of the Mescalero Apache Tribe**
—Tanis Torres, Councilwoman, Mescalero Apache Tribe
—Jacob Daukei, Historic Preservation Director, Mescalero Apache Tribe
—Holly Houghten, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Mescalero Apache
Tribe
- 11:15 a.m. (2) **Navigating the New Mexico Gaming Compact: Understanding the
Compact and Legislative Process**
—Nelva Cervantes, General Counsel, Mescalero Apache Tribe
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. **Public Comment***
- 1:35 p.m. **Recess**

Wednesday, June 24

- 9:30 a.m. **Reconvene**
- 9:35 a.m. (3) **Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act (Senate Bill 3, 2025)
Update: Region 12**
—Ross Coleman, Director of Strategic Planning and Resilience, Behavioral
Health Region 12
- 10:35 a.m. (4) **Fire and Flood Recovery and Response**
—Jason Burns, County Manager, Lincoln County
—Bryan Shendo, Tribal Administrator, Mescalero Apache Tribe
—Thomas LaPaz, Assistant Director, Office of Emergency Management,
Mescalero Apache Tribe

- 12:35 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:35 p.m. **Public Comment***
- 2:00 p.m. **Recess**
- 2:05 p.m. **Tour of Mescalero Apache Sawmill, Emergency Response Building and Housing Project****

Thursday, June 25

- 9:30 a.m. **Reconvene**
- 9:35 a.m. (5) **Overview of the Native American Social Work Studies Institute: New Mexico Highlands University**
—Rachell Tenorio, Ph.D., Director and Assistant Professor, Native American Social Work Studies Institute, New Mexico Highlands University
- 10:35 a.m. (6) **Native American Student Success: Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU)**
—Ryan Trosper, President, ENMU-Ruidoso
—Edna Yokum, Ed.D., Dean of Technical Education, ENMU-Roswell
- 11:35 a.m. **Public Comment***
- 12:00 noon **Adjourn**

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