

Revised: September 3, 2025

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
FOURTH MEETING
of the
ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

**September 4, 2025
San Juan College
School of Energy, Merrion Room
5301 College Boulevard
Farmington**

Thursday, September 4

- 9:30 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Angel M. Charley, Chair
—Representative Doreen Y. Gallegos, Vice Chair
- 9:40 a.m. (1) **Welcome and Updates on the Local Economies**
—Nate Duckett, Mayor, City of Farmington
—TBD, City of Aztec (invited)
—Kara Wood, Town of Kirtland Representative, Four Corners Economic Development
—Cynthia Atencio, Mayor, City of Bloomfield
—Mike Stark, County Manager, San Juan County
- 10:45 a.m. (2) **Update from San Juan College**
—Toni Hopper Pendergrass, Ph.D., President, San Juan College
- 11:15 a.m. (3) **Strengthening New Mexico's Economy Through Survivor-Centered Policies**
—Cynthia Amezcua Zamudio, State Policy and Advocacy Manager, FreeFrom (remote)
—MaryEllen Garcia, Chief Executive Officer, The New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence (remote)
—Alexandria Taylor, Deputy Director, New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, Inc.
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (4) **Creative and Cultural Industries of New Mexico**
—Michelle Laflamme-Childs, Executive Director, Arts Division, Cultural Affairs Department
—Lancing Adams, Acting Secretary, Tourism Department
—Shani Harvie, Director, Creative Industries Division, Economic Development Department (EDD)

- 2:15 p.m. (5) **Update on New Mexico State Parks**
—Toby Velasquez, Director, State Parks Division, Energy, Minerals and
Natural Resources Department
—Kramer Winingham, D.E.D., Program Director, Arrowhead Center, New
Mexico State University
- 3:15 p.m. (6) **Agriculture and Food Systems**
—Jason New, Director, Marketing and Development Division, New Mexico
Department of Agriculture (remote)
—Erin Ortigoza, Manager, Food, Hunger and Agriculture Program, EDD
(remote)
—Jacqueline Montoya, Project Manager, Harvest Food Hub and Kitchen,
San Juan College
—Perla Gething, Associate Director, Economic Council Helping Others,
Inc. (ECHO Inc.)
—Tami Jenkins, Director, ECHO Inc. Food Bank
- 4:15 p.m. **Public Comment***
- 4:30 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 Economic and Rural Development and Policy Committee [web page](#).