

**2026 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

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Work Plan

The Land Grant Committee was created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on April 17, 2026. The committee will focus on the following topics, as time permits:

- A. Approaches to infrastructure investment in land grants-mercedes and acequias;
- B. State programs for disaster response and recovery at land grants-mercedes, acequias and related rural communities;
- C. Governance issues concerning land grants-mercedes and acequias, including:
 1. a status update from the Community Governance Attorney Program;
 2. reports from the Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Division of the Department of Justice, including legislatively requested studies on how to resolve plat map issues at the Cristobal de la Serna Land Grant-Merced created by *lineas* divisions and recommendations regarding bringing The Las Vegas Land Grant under the jurisdiction of Article 1, Chapter 49 NMSA 1978 as a political subdivision land grant-merced;
 3. proposals to update the statutes regarding the Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Division of the Department of Justice;
 4. tax and zoning issues;
 5. updates from the rural and frontier equity ombuds of the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration; and

6. an examination of water rights in historic land grant communities; and

D. Reports from individual land grants-mercedes and related entities, such as the Land Grant Council and the New Mexico Land Grant Consejo.

**Land Grant Committee
2026 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 18	Santa Fe
July 15-16	Santa Fe
August 25-26	Espanola
September 16-17	Taos
October 14	Santa Fe