

Revised: August 8, 2025

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

**August 11-12, 2025
University of New Mexico-Valencia
Student Community Center
280 La Entrada Road
Los Lunas**

Monday, August 11

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Angel M. Charley, Chair
—Representative Doreen Y. Gallegos, Vice Chair
- 9:10 a.m. (1) **[Welcome and Updates on the Local Economies](#)**
—Robert C. Noblin, Jr., Mayor, City of Belen
—Roseann Peralta, City Manager, City of Belen
—Victoria Archuleta, Senior Economic Developer, Economic Development
Division, Village of Los Lunas
—Jhonathan Aragon, County Manager, Valencia County
—Joshua Ramsell, Mayor, City of Rio Communities
—Martin Moore, City Manager, City of Rio Communities
- 10:00 a.m. (2) **[Workforce Training Collaboration](#)**
—Samuel Dosumu, Ph.D., Chancellor, University of New Mexico-Valencia
—Tracy Hartzler, President, Central New Mexico Community College
(CNM)
—Steven Saucedo, Vice President for Workforce Development, New
Mexico Junior College
—Randy Krall, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Telemetry Insight
—Arjun Bhakta, Internet of Things Director, Telemetry Insight; Former
CNM Learner
- 11:30 a.m. (3) **[Report from the Office of Broadband Access and Expansion \(OBAE\)](#)**
—Jeff Lopez, Director, OBAE
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**

- 1:00 p.m. (4) [Introduction to the NMexus Center](#)
—Melinda Allen, President and CEO, New Mexico Partnership
—Amar Vakil, Executive Director, NMexus Center
- 1:30 p.m. (5) [Geothermal Energy in New Mexico](#)
—Tom Solomon, Electrical Engineer and Facilitator, Geothermal
Development Working Group; Co-Coordinator, 350 New Mexico
—Logan Stephens, Vice President and Head of Development, XGS Energy
—Shari Kelley, Ph.D., Senior Geophysicist and Field Geologist, Bureau of
Geology and Mineral Resources, New Mexico Institute of Mining and
Technology
—Jackson Grimes, Director of Global Engagement, Project Innerspace
- 2:30 p.m. (6) [Aquifer Mapping and Monitoring](#)
—Stacy Timmons, Associate Director, Hydrogeology Programs, Bureau of
Geology and Mineral Resources, New Mexico Institute of Mining and
Technology
- 3:15 p.m. (7) [Surface and Ground Water Use](#)
—Linda Guenley, Member, Valencia Water Watchers
—Maurice Hall, Ph.D., P.E., Senior Advisor, Climate Resilient Water
Systems, Environmental Defense Fund

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

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

Tuesday, August 12

9:00 a.m. **Reconvene**

- 9:05 a.m. (8) [Battery-Charged Fences and Security System Use by Businesses](#)
—Representative Linda Serrato
—Luis Farias, Government Relations Director, AMAROK Security

- 9:30 a.m. (9) [Economic Impact of Spaceport America](#)
—Scott McLaughlin, Executive Director, Spaceport Authority
—Francisco Pallares, D.E.D., Director of Business Development, Spaceport
Authority
—Chris Erickson, Ph.D., Director, Center for Border Economic
Development, New Mexico State University (NMSU)
—Lucinda Vargas, Ph.D., Associate Director, Center for Border Economic
Development, NMSU

10:30 a.m. (10) [Zoning Policy and Housing Affordability](#)
—Alex Horowitz, Project Director, Housing Policy, The Pew Charitable
Trusts (Remote)

11:00 a.m. **Tour of Meta (Legislators and Staff Only)**

1:00 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](#).