

Revised: June 27, 2019

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

**July 1-2, 2019
New Mexico State University
Pan American Center
Barbara Hubbard Room
1810 E. University Ave.
Las Cruces**

Monday, July 1

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Benny Shendo, Jr., Chair
- 9:15 a.m. **Welcome**
—Dan Arvizu, Ph.D., Chancellor, New Mexico State University
- 9:30 a.m. (1) **Spaceport America — Update**
—Daniel Hicks, Chief Executive Officer, Spaceport America
—Chris Lopez, Vice President of Site Operations, Spaceport America
- 10:30 a.m. (2) **Mesilla Valley Economic Development Issues**
—Ricardo Gonzales, Chair, Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance
—Davin Lopez, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance
- 11:30 a.m. (3) **Update on Santa Teresa — Development and Other Issues**
—Jerry Pacheco, Executive Director, International Business Accelerator
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (4) **Agricultural Industry — Economic Benefits and Challenges; Support for New Farmers**
—Jeff M. Witte, Director/Secretary, New Mexico Department of Agriculture
—Walter D. Bradley, Government and Business Affairs Director, Dairy Farmers of America; Former Lieutenant Governor of New Mexico
—J. Michael Patrick, Ph.D., Community Resource and Economic Development Specialist, Cooperative Extension Service, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, New Mexico State University

2:30 p.m. (5) [Hemp Industry — Update](#)
—Brad Lewis, Division Director, Agricultural and Environmental Services,
New Mexico Department of Agriculture
—Johnathan Gerhardt, Food Program Manager, Department of
Environment
—William Chavez, Bureau Chief, Environmental Health Bureau,
Department of Environment

3:30 p.m. **Public Comment**

4:00 p.m. (6) [Tour Hemp Growing Facility — Rich Global Hemp, 4884 South Main Street, Mesilla Park](#)
—Glen T. Astrove, Partner and Co-Founder, Rich Global Hemp

5:00 p.m. **Recess**

Tuesday, July 2

9:00 a.m. (7) [Tour Immigration Asylum Seeker Housing Facility — United States Army Reserve Training Center, 1300 West Brown Road, Las Cruces](#)
—Eric Enriquez, Fire Chief, Las Cruces Fire Department

10:30 a.m. **Reconvene and Introductions — Barbara Hubbard Room**
—Senator Benny Shendo, Jr., Chair

10:40 a.m. (8) [Video Gaming Industry](#)
—Jerry Prochazka, Chief Executive Officer, Ganymede Games
—Davin Lopez, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mesilla Valley
Economic Development Alliance

11:30 a.m. (9) [Workforce Development — Update](#)
—William McCamley, Secretary, Workforce Solutions Department
—Tracey Bryan, Chair, State Workforce Development Board

12:30 p.m. **Working Lunch**
(10) [Workers' Compensation Administration — Update and Small Business Issues](#)
—Verily A. Jones, Acting Director, Workers' Compensation Administration

1:30 p.m. **Public Comment**

2:00 p.m. **Adjourn**