

Revised: August 12, 2025

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
THIRD MEETING
of the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

**August 14-15, 2025
32 New Mexico Highway 531
Tierra Amarilla**

Thursday, August 14

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Linda Serrato, Chair
—Senator Leo Jaramillo, Vice Chair
- 9:15 a.m. (1) **Welcome to the Tierra Amarilla Land Grant-Merced and Update**
—Steve Polaco, President, Tierra Amarilla Land Grant-Merced
- 10:00 a.m. (2) **Update from the San Joaquin del Rio de Chama Land Grant-Merced**
—Leonard Martinez, President, San Joaquin del Rio de Chama Land Grant-Merced
—Monica Rodriguez, Secretary, San Joaquin del Rio de Chama Land Grant-Merced
—Gerald Chacon, Secretary of Land and Water, San Joaquin del Rio de Chama Land Grant-Merced
- 10:45 a.m. (3) **Rural Health Care Facilities**
—James Kiser, Chief Executive Officer, Holy Cross Medical Center
—Trinidad de Jesus Arguello, Ph.D., L.C.S.W., P.M.H.N.-R.N.-B.C., F.C.B.H.T., Board Member, Holy Cross Medical Center; Founder and Administrator, Compostela Community and Family Cultural Institute
—Len Horan, Executive Director, La Clinica del Pueblo de Rio Arriba
—Matthew Probst, P.A.-C., Director of Rural Community Engagement, Office for Community Health, University of New Mexico
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 12:45 p.m. (4) **Rural Health Outcomes**
—Alex Castillo Smith, Deputy Secretary, Health Care Authority
—Trinidad de Jesus Arguello, Ph.D., L.C.S.W., P.M.H.N.-R.N.-B.C., F.C.B.H.T., Board Member, Holy Cross Medical Center; Founder and Administrator, Compostela Community and Family Cultural Institute
—Monique Garcia, M.B.A., L.C.S.W., Las Clinicas del Norte

- 2:15 p.m. (5) **Update from the Abiquiu Land Grant-Merced**
—Victoria Garcia, President, Abiquiu Land Grant-Merced
- 3:00 p.m. (6) **Use of New Technologies to Assist Rural Communities**
—Manuel Luna, Coordinator, Small Local Public Body Assistance Program, Office of the State Auditor
—Jeremy Klass, Chief, Recovery and Mitigation Bureau, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department
- 4:00 p.m. (7) **New Technologies for Rural Communities**
—Enrico Pontelli, Ph.D., Dean of Arts and Sciences, New Mexico State University (NMSU)
—Lara Prihodko, Ph.D., Associate Professor, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, NMSU
—Marcus Krohn, Ph.D., Manager, Unit System/Tech Support, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, NMSU
—Craig Gifford, Ph.D., Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, NMSU
—Santiago Utsumi, Ph.D., Associate Professor, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, NMSU

5:00 p.m. **Public Comment***

5:15 p.m. **Recess**

Friday, August 15

9:00 a.m. **Tour of the Tierra Amarilla Land Grant-Merced****

12:00 noon **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 Land Grant Committee [web page](#).

**This is an invitation-only tour for committee members and staff.