

Revised: July 9, 2025

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

**July 14-15, 2025
New Mexico Highlands University
Student Union Ballroom
800 National Avenue
Las Vegas**

Monday, July 14

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Linda Serrato, Chair
—Senator Leo Jaramillo, Vice Chair
- 10:15 a.m. (1) **Welcome and New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU) Update**
—Dann Brown, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs,
 NMHU
- 10:45 a.m. (2) **Statutory Overview of Land Grants-Mercedes**
—Mark Edwards, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service
- 11:00 a.m. (3) **Updates from the Lower Gallinas Land Grant-Merced**
—Antonio "Tony" Benavidez, President, Lower Gallinas Land Grant-
 Merced
—Margaret Lucero, Treasurer, Lower Gallinas Land Grant-Merced
—Robert "Bobby" Padilla, Secretary, Lower Gallinas Land Grant-Merced
—Anita Baca, Board Member, Lower Gallinas Land Grant-Merced
- 11:30 a.m. (4) **Updates from the San Miguel del Bado Land Grant-Merced**
—Claresse Romero, President, San Miguel del Bado Land Grant-Merced
—Louis Gallegos, Secretary, San Miguel del Bado Land Grant-Merced
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (5) **Status Updates from the Land Grant Council and Land Grant-Merced
Institute**
—Arturo Archuleta, Program Manager, Land Grant Council and Land
 Grant-Merced Institute, University of New Mexico

2:00 p.m. (6) [Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Division of the State Department of Justice](#)
—Enrique Romero, Assistant Attorney General and Director, Guadalupe
Hidalgo Treaty Division, State Department of Justice

3:00 p.m. (7) [Technical Assistance for Acequias](#)
—Paula Garcia, Executive Director, New Mexico Acequia Association
—Jonathan Martinez, Chief, Acequia Bureau, Interstate Stream
Commission
—Manuel Luna, Coordinator, Small Local Public Body Assistance
Program, Office of the State Auditor
—Pamela Garcia, Director, Constituent Services, Office of United States
Senator Ben Ray Luján

4:00 p.m. (8) [Community Governance Attorney Program](#)
—Adrian Oglesby, Director, Utton Transboundary Resources Center,
University of New Mexico

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

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10:00 a.m. (9) [Post-Fire Recovery Efforts at Land Grants and Acequias](#)
—Eddie Quintana, President, Los Vigiles Land Grant-Merced
—Juan Sanchez, President, Chilili Land Grant-Merced
—Paula Garcia, Executive Director, New Mexico Acequia Association
—Debbie Hughes, Executive Director, New Mexico Association of
Conservation Districts
—Jeremy Klass, Ph.D., Chief, Recovery and Mitigation Bureau, Homeland
Security and Emergency Management Department
—TBD, Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Claims Office, Federal Emergency
Management Agency (invited)
—Gerald Romero, Manager, Tierra y Montes Soil and Water Conservation
District

11:30 a.m. **Public Comment***

12:00 noon **Lunch**

1:30 p.m. **Tour of Los Vigiles Land Grant-Merced****

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 Land Grant Committee [web page](#).

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