

Revised: October 17, 2025

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
FIFTH MEETING
of the
FEDERAL FUNDING STABILIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

**October 20, 2025
New Mexico State University
Golf Course, Banquet Room
3000 Herb Wimberly Drive
Las Cruces**

**October 21, 2025
Sunland Park Multigenerational Center
4700 McNutt Road
Santa Teresa**

**October 22, 2025
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Monday, October 20 — Las Cruces

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order, Introductions and Approval of Minutes**
—Representative Patricia A. Lundstrom, Co-Chair
—Senator William P. Soules, Co-Chair
- 9:15 a.m. (1) [Welcoming Remarks and New Mexico State University \(NMSU\) System Update](#)
—Monica Torres, Chancellor, Dona Ana Community College
- 9:45 a.m. (2) [2025 1st Special Session Review and Federal Funds Update](#)
—Harry Rommel, Legislative Health and Human Services Committee Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee
- 10:45 a.m. (3) [Federal Funding in New Mexico Higher Education Institutions](#)
—James Johnston, Chair, Council of University Presidents; President, Eastern New Mexico University
—Carol Linder, President, Luna Community College
- 11:45 a.m. **Lunch**

- 1:00 p.m. (4) [Higher Education Research Funding Impacts](#)
—Lique Coolen, Vice President of Research, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
—Patricia Sullivan, Ph.D., Interim Vice President for Research, NMSU
—Ellen Fisher, Vice President for Research, University of New Mexico (UNM)
—Hengameh Raissy, Vice President for Research, and Professor of Pediatrics, UNM Health Sciences Center
- 2:00 p.m. (5) [Impact of Federal Instability on New Mexico's Research Ecosystem](#)
—Ganesh Balakrishnan, Director, New Mexico Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (NM EPSCoR)
—Selena Connealy, Associate Director, NM EPSCoR
- 2:45 p.m. (6) [Overview of Impacts Across New Mexico Higher Education Institutions](#)
—Gerald Hoehne, Chief of Staff, Higher Education Department (HED)
—Brittany Shaughnessy, Data Analyst, HED
- 3:30 p.m. **Recess**

Tuesday, October 21 — Santa Teresa

- 9:00 a.m. (7) [Overview of Projects and Progress in Santa Teresa](#)
—Jerry Pacheco, President, The Border Industrial Association
- 9:30 a.m. (8) [Shutdown of Cattle Crossings](#)
—Daniel Manzanares, Executive Director, Union Ganadera (Santa Teresa Cattle Crossing)
- 10:00 a.m. (9) [Current and Anticipated Tariff Impacts](#)
—Nate Duhl, Plant Manager, Monti, Incorporated
—Alex Sierra, Former Manager, Acme Mills
—Guillermo Lopez, Managing Director, Monarch Litho Inc.
- 11:00 a.m. (10) [Update on and Review of Border-Area Logistics and Transportation](#)
—Kacy Robinson, Vice President of Operations, MVT Logistics
—Dennis Melonas, Account Executive, Aries Worldwide Logistics
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 12:30 p.m. **Tour of Santa Teresa Industrial Base***
- 1:30 p.m. **Recess**

Wednesday, October 22 — Las Cruces

- 9:00 a.m. (11) **Impacts and Responses to New Mexicans' Housing, Food and Health**
—Nicole Martinez, Executive Director, Mesilla Valley Community of Hope
—Lorenzo Alba, Jr., Executive Director, Casa de Peregrinos
—Katy Anderson, Vice President, Roadrunner Food Bank, Inc.
—Jill Dixon, Executive Director, The Food Depot
—Virgil Medina, Chief Executive Officer, La Clinica de Familia
—John Andazola, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, La Clinica de Familia
- 10:00 a.m. (12) **Underlying Community and Family Issues, Collaborating and Serving Rural and Frontier Communities**
—Kassandra A. Gandara, Founder, Dona Ana County Resilience Leaders
—Brian Kavanaugh, Chief Executive Officer, Families and Youth Innovations Plus
—Joseph Hill, Public Health and Health Council Specialist, New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils
- 11:00 a.m. (13) **Nonprofit Overview: Economic Impact and Funder Capacity; Support for Families; and Nonprofit-Government Collaboration**
—Terra V. Winter, Ph.D., President, Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico
—Dawn Hommer, Chief Executive Officer, Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico
—Tsiporah Nephesh, Executive Director, New Mexico Thrives
- 12:00 noon **Adjourn**

*Committee members and committee staff only.