

Revised: July 29, 2026

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

**August 3-4, 2026
145 Commons Area
Instructional Technology Center
Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell
23 West Mathis Street
Roswell**

Monday, August 3

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Doreen Y. Gallegos, Chair
—Senator Angel M. Charley, Vice Chair
- 9:30 a.m. (1) **Welcome, Updates and Highlights on Projects and Needs**
—Shawn Powell, Ph.D., President, Eastern New Mexico University
 (ENMU)-Roswell
—Mike Espiritu, Chief Executive Officer, Roswell-Chaves County
 Economic Development Corporation
- 10:30 a.m. (2) **Updates on the Cattle and Beef Processing Industries**
—Tom Paterson, President, New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association
—Joe Madrid, Owner, USA Beef Packing
—Nayely Madrid, Office Manager, USA Beef Packing
- 11:15 a.m. (3) **Promoting and Preserving Local Cheesemaking**
—Lissa Knudsen, Board Chair, New Mexico Cheese Guild
- 11:45 a.m. (4) **Update on Oil and Gas Development, Orphan Well Plugging and
Energy Conservation in New Mexico**
—Erin Taylor, Acting Secretary, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources
 Department
—Ben Shelton, Deputy Secretary and Acting General Counsel, Energy,
 Minerals and Natural Resources Department
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (5) **Regulatory Reform, Oil and Gas Tax Structure, How Energy Sources
Work Together and Workforce Training**
—Andrea Felix, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, New Mexico Oil and
 Gas Association

- Robert Balch, Director, Petroleum Recovery Research Center, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
- Jennifer Raney, Deputy Director, Petroleum Recovery Research Center, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology

- 3:00 p.m. (6) [Alternative Energy Update](#)
—Logan Stephens, Vice President and Head of Development, XGS Energy
—Nick Fuhr, Senior Director of Development, NextEra Energy Transmission, NextEra Energy
—Jackson Grimes, Director of Global Engagement, InnerSpace Action

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

Tuesday, August 4

- 9:00 a.m. (7) [Welcome and Update on Flooding Issues and the Local Economy for Roswell](#)
—Tim Jennings, Mayor, City of Roswell

9:30 a.m. **Tour of the Automotive and Welding Technology Center and the Health Science Center, ENMU-Roswell (Limited to Legislators and Committee Staff)**

- 10:00 a.m. (8) [Update on Rural Roads, Bridges and Infrastructure](#)
—David Quintana, Acting Secretary, Department of Transportation

- 11:00 a.m. (9) [Renewable Energy](#)
—Varner Seaman, Director of Government Affairs, Pattern Energy

- 12:00 noon (10) [Modern Home Construction with Modular Solutions](#)
—Chance Mitchell, President, Fortified Structures
—Marisol Jordan, Director of Sales, Fortified Structures

12:45 p.m. **Public Comment***

1:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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