

Revised: August 9, 2019

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

**August 14, 2019  
New Mexico Highlands University  
Margaret J. Kennedy Alumni Hall  
905 University Avenue  
Las Vegas**

**August 15, 2019  
Plaza Hotel  
230 Plaza Street  
Las Vegas**

**August 16, 2019  
University of New Mexico-Taos  
Klauer Campus  
1157 County Road 110  
Ranchos de Taos**

**Wednesday, August 14 — New Mexico Highlands University**

- 10:00 a.m.           **Call to Order, Introductions and Approval of Minutes**  
—Senator Benny Shendo, Jr., Chair
- 10:15 a.m.           **Welcome**  
—Sam Minner, Ph.D., President, New Mexico Highlands University
- 10:30 a.m.       (1) **[Economic Development Department — Film Matters, Rapid Workforce Development Act, Economic Development Innovation Task Force, General Update and Legislative Priorities](#)**  
—Alicia J. Keyes, Secretary, Economic Development Department
- 12:00 noon           **Working Lunch**  
(2) **[United States Department of Agriculture — Rural Development Programs Overview](#)**  
—Arthur A. Garcia, New Mexico State Director, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development  
—Brian Smith, Arizona/New Mexico General Field Representative, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development

- 1:00 p.m. (3) [Rural Broadband — Update from Relevant Entities](#)  
—Mike Ripperger, Chief, Telecommunications Bureau, Utility Division,  
Public Regulation Commission  
—Kendra L. Karp, Director, Office of Broadband and Geospatial Initiatives,  
Department of Information Technology  
—Marquita D. Russel, Chief of Programs, New Mexico Finance Authority  
—Brian Smith, Arizona/New Mexico General Field Representative, United  
States Department of Agriculture Rural Development  
—Leo Baca, Director, Government and Regulatory Affairs, CenturyLink  
New Mexico

3:00 p.m. **Public Comment**

3:15 p.m. **Tour of Broadband Facility: New Mexico Highlands University**

4:00 p.m. **Recess**

**Thursday, August 15 — Plaza Hotel, Las Vegas**

9:00 a.m. **Reconvene and Introductions**  
—Senator Benny Shendo, Jr., Chair

- 9:15 a.m. (4) [SUN PATH — Health Career Pathways](#)  
—Pamela K. Blackwell, J.D., Senior Policy Director, New Mexico First  
—Kristen Krell, Manager, Academic Career Education, Santa Fe  
Community College  
—Jenny Landen, R.N., M.S.N., Dean, School of Sciences, Health,  
Engineering and Math, Santa Fe Community College

- 10:15 a.m. (5) [Cloud Seeding](#)  
—Mike Cone, Chair, Roosevelt Soil and Water Conservation District  
(RSWCD)  
—Rick Ledbetter, Treasurer, RSWCD  
—Charlie Marquez, Owner and Principal, Broad Spectrum Consulting, LLC

- 11:15 a.m. (6) [Economic Development in Las Vegas](#)  
—Allan Affeldt, Owner, Plaza Hotel, Las Vegas

12:15 p.m. **Lunch**

- 1:30 p.m. (7) [Unmanned Aerial Systems Industry — Opportunities and Challenges](#)  
—Jill Meyers, Owner, Meyers AeroConsulting  
—Eugene C. "Cliff" Hudson, Chief Executive Officer, Emerging  
Technology Ventures, Inc.

—Luca Ispirescu, Director, Business Development, Silent Falcon UAS Technologies  
—Gary Oppedahl, Vice President, Emerging Technologies, Emera Technologies, LLC

3:00 p.m.           **Public Comment**

3:30 p.m.           **Recess**

**Friday, August 16 — University of New Mexico-Taos**

9:00 a.m.           **Reconvene and Introductions**  
—Senator Benny Shendo, Jr., Chair

9:10 a.m.           **Welcome**  
—Patrick Valdez, Chief Executive Officer, University of New Mexico-Taos

9:30 a.m.       (8)   **[Rural Electric Cooperatives — Self-Governance \(House Memorial 61, 2019\)](#)**  
—Luis Reyes, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative  
—Duane Highley, Chief Executive Officer, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association

10:30 a.m.       (9)   **[University of New Mexico — Vision for Film and Digital Arts in New Mexico](#)**  
—Regina Carlow, Interim Dean, College of Fine Arts, University of New Mexico  
—James Stone, Chair, Department of Film and Digital Arts, College of Fine Arts, University of New Mexico

11:30 a.m.       (10) **[New Mexico Filmmaking Opportunities](#)**  
—Thomas Sanchez, Owner, Pueblo Media, LLC

12:30 p.m.       (11) **[Village Investment and Development Project — Update](#)**  
—Carol Miller, Director, National Center for Frontier Communities

1:00 p.m.           **Public Comment**

1:30 p.m.           **Adjourn**