

**MINUTES
of the
SECOND MEETING
of the
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

**July 14-15, 2022
Student Union Building Ballroom
New Mexico Highlands University
Las Vegas**

The second meeting of the Economic Development and Policy Committee was called to order by Representative Antonio Maestas, chair, on July 14, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in the Student Union Building Ballroom of New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU) in Las Vegas.

Present

Rep. Antonio Maestas, Chair
Rep. Ambrose Castellano* (7/14)
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo (7/15)
Sen. Ron Griggs
Rep. Tara L. Lujan
Rep. Kristina Ortez
Sen. Michael Padilla (7/14)
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle* (7/14)
Rep. Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr. (7/14)
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics* (7/14)
Sen. Pat Woods

Advisory Members

Absent

Sen. Carrie Hamblen, Vice Chair
Rep. Meredith A. Dixon
Rep. Joshua N. Hernandez
Sen. Leo Jaramillo
Rep. Raymundo Lara
Rep. Georgene Louis
Rep. Willie D. Madrid
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
Rep. Linda Serrato

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Rep. Anthony Allison
Rep. Gail Armstrong
Sen. Jacob R. Candelaria
Rep. Christine Chandler
Sen. Crystal R. Diamond
Rep. Rebecca Dow
Sen. Katy M. Duhigg
Rep. Doreen Y. Gallegos
Rep. Joy Garratt
Sen. Siah Correa Hemphill
Rep. Pamela Herndon
Rep. Susan K. Herrera
Rep. Derrick J. Lente
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom

Rep. Rod Montoya
Rep. William "Bill" R. Rehm
Rep. Andrea Romero
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez
Rep. Nathan P. Small
Rep. Candie G. Sweetser
Sen. Bill Tallman
Rep. Luis M. Terrazas

Guest Legislator

Sen. Pete Campos

(Attendance dates are noted for members not present for the entire meeting.)

*The speaker of the house of representatives and the president pro tempore of the senate appointed these legislators voting members for this meeting.

Staff

Peter Kovnat, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Erin Bond, LCS
Tom Kricka, LCS

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

Handouts

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

References to Webcast

The time reference noted next to each agenda item in this document is cross-referenced to the webcast of the committee meeting, which can be found at www.nmlegis.gov, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and committee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Thursday, July 14

Welcome and Introductions (10:30 a.m.)

Representative Antonio Maestas, chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and the members of the committee and LCS staff introduced themselves.

Welcome (10:42 a.m.)

Louie A. Trujillo, mayor, City of Las Vegas; Dr. Roxanne Gonzales-Walker, provost, NMHU; Dr. Denise Montoya, associate vice president for finance, administration and

government relations, NMHU; and William E. García, regent, NMHU, welcomed the committee and discussed the impact of recent wildfires in the area, the importance of education in economic development and the successes and needs of NMHU.

Economic Development Department Update on Current, Proposed and Recently Enacted Legislative Initiatives (1:18 p.m.)

Alicia J. Keyes, secretary, Economic Development Department (EDD); Jon Clark, deputy secretary, EDD; and Mark Roper, director, Economic Development Division, EDD, provided an update on legislative initiatives, including increasing funding for the EDD and local economic development organizations, increasing capacity to garner federal funding and collaborating with higher education institutions to give incoming students the information needed to choose careers in high-demand areas. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/EDPC%20071422%20Item%202%20EDD%20Update.pdf>.

Economic Impact of the Film Industry and Review of Film Tax Credits (3:16 p.m.)

Alicia J. Keyes, secretary, EDD; Rebecca Puck Stair, president, IATSE Local 480; and Shane Shariff, economist, New Mexico Film Office, discussed the growing film industry in New Mexico and made a proposal for legislation to continue that growth. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=EDPC&Date=7/14/2022&ItemNumber=3>.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 4:22 p.m.

Friday, July 15

Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 9:14 a.m.

Economic Consequences and Opportunities Created by Changes to the Climate: Recovery, Reforestation and Resiliency (9:19 a.m.)

Elmo Baca, chair, Las Vegas New Mexico Community Foundation; Paula Garcia, executive director, New Mexico Acequia Association; and Owen Burney, superintendent, John T. Harrington Forestry Research Center, New Mexico State University, presented on the economic consequences and opportunities created by changes to the climate including the recent wildfires and subsequent flooding. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=EDPC&Date=7/14/2022&ItemNumber=4>.

New Mexico Water Law 101 (11:40 a.m.)

Mike Hamman, state engineer, and Nat Chakeres, general counsel, Office of the State Engineer, provided an overview of water law in New Mexico, including a discussion of water use in cannabis production and an update on the 50-year water plan. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/EDPC%20071422%20Item%205%20OSE%20water%20law.pdf>.

Farming and Livestock Industries as Economic Generators (1:30 p.m.)

Shawn Davis, deputy director, New Mexico Livestock Board; Loren Patterson, president, New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association; and Jason New, director, Division of Marketing and Development, New Mexico Department of Agriculture, discussed farming and livestock industries as economic generators, agricultural marketing and meat value chain coordination. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=EDPC&Date=7/14/2022&ItemNumber=6>.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.