

**MINUTES  
of the  
SECOND MEETING  
of the  
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

**July 14-15, 2021  
Northern New Mexico College  
Española**

The second meeting of the Land Grant Committee (LGC) for the 2021 interim was called to order by Representative Miguel P. Garcia, chair, on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 10:05 a.m. at Northern New Mexico College (NNMC) in Espanola.

**Present**

Rep. Miguel P. Garcia, Chair  
Sen. Leo Jaramillo, Vice Chair  
Rep. Rachel A. Black (7/14)  
Rep. Matthew McQueen (7/14)  
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill (7/14)  
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino  
Sen. Michael Padilla (7/14)  
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle  
Rep. Christine Trujillo

**Absent**

Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez

**Advisory Members**

Rep. Susan K. Herrera  
Sen. Linda M. Lopez  
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics (7/14)

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon  
Sen. David M. Gallegos  
Rep. Harry Garcia  
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson  
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto

**Guest Legislator**

Rep. Roger E. Montoya (7/14)

**Staff**

Mark Edwards, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)  
Michelle Jaschke, Researcher, LCS  
Anthony Montoya, Staff Attorney, 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](http://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.

## **Wednesday, July 14**

Representative Garcia welcomed the committee and asked members, staff and attendees to introduce themselves.

### **Welcome and Status Update (10:34 a.m.)**

Dr. Richard J. Bailey, Jr., president, NNMC, welcomed the committee and presented an update on the vision, adaptations and inspiration for progress and change at NNMC. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LGC&Date=7/14/2021&ItemNumber=1>.

### **Bartolome Sanchez Land Grant (BSLG) Status Update (11:08 a.m.)**

Chris Roybal, president, Corporation of the BSLG, and Elaine Herrera, treasurer, BSLG, presented an update on the status of the BSLG. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20071421%20Item%20%20Bartolome%20Sanchez%20BSLG%20PTri-Fold2.pdf>.

### **La Merced de Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara) Status Update (12:08 p.m.)**

Bonifacio Vasquez, president, Santa Barbara, and Lori Garcia, secretary, Santa Barbara, presented updates on the status of Santa Barbara and on issues discussed at previous committee meetings. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LGC&Date=7/14/2021&ItemNumber=3>.

Representative Trujillo moved to send a letter from the LGC to the United States Forest Service asking for better communication with Santa Barbara. The motion was seconded by Senator Jaramillo and approved without objection.

**Piedra Lumbre Visitor Center Plans and Status Updates for San Joaquin del Rio de Chama Land Grant-Merced and Land Grant-Merced de los Pueblos de Tierra Amarilla (1:28 p.m.)**

Leonard Martinez, president, San Joaquin del Rio de Chama Land Grant-Merced, and Steve Polaco, president, Land Grant-Merced de los Pueblos de Tierra Amarilla, presented status updates on the Piedra Lumbre Visitor Center acquisition and the land grants.

**Approval of Minutes**

Upon a motion made and seconded and without any objections, the committee approved the minutes of the June 16, 2021 meeting.

**Cristobal de la Serna Land Grant-Merced Status Update on Lineas Acquisition (1:56 p.m.)**

Beverly Armijo, president, Cristobal de la Serna Land Grant-Merced, and Florencio Mondragon presented an update on the status of the land grant and the lineas.

**Jacona Land Grant Status Update (2:24 p.m.)**

John Valencia, president, Jacona Land Grant Association (Jacona), and David Montoya, board member, Jacona, presented a status update on the land grant. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20071421%20Item%206%20Jacona%20Land%20Grant%20Association%20Presentation.pdf>.

**Hispanics Enjoying Camping, Hunting, and the Outdoors (HECHO) (2:58 p.m.)**

Floyd Archuleta, New Mexico liaison, HECHO, and Rock Ulibarri, advisory board member, HECHO, presented information on the organization's goals.

**Santo Tomas Apostol del Rio de las Trampas Land Grant-Merced Status Update (3:11 p.m.)**

Alex Lopez, president, Santo Tomas Apostol del Rio de las Trampas Land Grant-Merced, presented a status update on the land grant.

**Santa Cruz de la Canada Land Grant-Merced Status Update (3:27 p.m.)**

Don Bustos, president, Santa Cruz de la Canada Land Grant-Merced, and Jose Luis Ortiz presented a status update on the land grant.

**Moving Arts Espanola Dancers (3:53 p.m.)**

Salvador Ruiz-Esquivel, executive/school director and co-founder, Moving Arts Espanola, introduced the Moving Arts dancers, who performed for the committee.

**Nuestra Senora del Rosario, San Fernando y Santiago Land-Grant Merced (Truchas) Status Update (4:04 p.m.)**

Lloyd Ortiz, president, Truchas, presented a status update on the land grant.

**Recess**

The meeting recessed at 5:09 p.m.

**Thursday, July 15****Tour of Bartolome Sanchez Land Grant (9:00 a.m.)**

Committee members toured the land grant facilities (headquarters, flood control dam, etc.) and property.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.