

Revised: August 22, 2017

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
FOURTH MEETING
of the
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**August 23-24, 2017
Western New Mexico University
Silver City**

Wednesday, August 23

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Candie G. Sweetser, Chair
- 10:10 a.m. **Welcome to Grant County**
—Ken Ladner, Mayor, Town of Silver City
—Brett Kasten, Chair, Grant County Commission
—Evangeline Zamora, President, Grant County Prospectors
- 10:30 a.m. (1) **Western New Mexico University (WNMU): Transforming the Future Together**
—Dr. Joseph Shepard, President, WNMU
—Dr. Jack Crocker, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, WNMU
—Dr. Magdaleno Manzanarez, Vice President for External Affairs, WNMU
- 11:30 a.m. (2) **Challenges of Remote Education**
—Jason Collet, Chief Information Officer, WNMU
—Donna Rees, Director of Extended University, WNMU
—Dean Foster, Director of Online Learning, WNMU
—April Hanson, Video Communications Manager, WNMU
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (3) **Grant County Collaboration: Building Interconnectivity**
—Alex Brown, Town Manager, Town of Silver City
—Jason Collet, Chief Information Officer, WNMU
—Ben Potts, Director of Technology, Silver Consolidated School District
- 2:00 p.m. (4) **Using Mixed Technologies to Build Reliable Connectivity in Rural Areas**
—John Badal, Chief Executive Officer, Sacred Wind Communications

3:00 p.m. (5) [Developing Remote/Solo Work Centers: Challenges, Benefits and Case Examples](#)

—Emily Schilling, Economic Development Planner, Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments

—John Badal, Chief Executive Officer, Sacred Wind Communications

—Ralph Gauer, Vice President, Karen Carr Studio

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

Thursday, August 24

9:00 a.m. **Reconvene and Introductions**

—Representative Candie G. Sweetser, Chair

9:10 a.m. (6) [Marketing a County for Solar Generation: Obstacles and Benefits](#)

—Jessica Etcheverry, Community Projects Director, Luna County

9:45 a.m. (7) [Finding Rural/Plata Studio Makers Lab](#)

—Tim B. Castillo, Co-Founder of Finding Rural/Plata Studio; Associate Professor of Architecture and Associate Dean, School of Architecture and Planning, University of New Mexico

—Ben Potts, Director of Technology, Silver Consolidated School District

11:00 a.m. **Adjourn**