

Revised: August 20, 2024

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

**August 21-22, 2024  
San Juan College  
School of Energy, Merrion Room  
5301 College Boulevard  
Farmington**

**Wednesday, August 21**

- 9:30 a.m.           **Call to Order**  
—Representative Doreen Y. Gallegos, Chair  
—Senator Carrie Hamblen, Vice Chair
- 9:40 a.m.       (1)   **Welcome and State of the Local Economy**  
—Nate Duckett, Mayor, City of Farmington  
—Tim Gibbs, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Four Corners Economic  
Development, Inc.
- 10:30 a.m.       (2)   **Educating the Workforce and Developing Employment Opportunities**  
—Toni Pendergrass, Ph.D., President, San Juan College  
—Becky Rowley, Ph.D., President, Santa Fe Community College;  
President, New Mexico Independent Community Colleges  
—Vanessa Hawker, Ph.D., Executive Director, New Mexico Independent  
Community Colleges
- 11:30 a.m.           **Lunch**
- 12:00 noon       (3)   **Oil and Gas Industry: Taxes and Clean Energy Transition**  
—Missi Currier, President and CEO, New Mexico Oil and Gas Association  
—Andrea Felix, Senior Regulatory Advisor, New Mexico Oil and Gas  
Association
- 1:00 p.m.       (4)   **Oil and Gas Royalty Rates**  
—Stephanie Garcia Richard, Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land  
Office  
—Greg Bloom, Assistant Commissioner of Mineral Resources, State Land  
Office

2:00 p.m. (5) [Clean Energy Transition in New Mexico](#)  
—Varner Seaman, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, Pattern Energy Group  
—Zoe Lees, Regional Vice President of Regulatory Policy, Xcel Energy Services, Inc.  
—Justin Smiley, Director of Customer Relations, Xcel Energy Services, Inc.

3:00 p.m. (6) [New Mexico State Parks](#)  
—Toby Velasquez, Director, State Parks Division, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

4:00 p.m. **Tour of Navajo Lake Marina (Legislators Only)**

### **Thursday, August 22**

9:00 a.m. **Reconvene and Welcome**  
—Representative Doreen Y. Gallegos, Chair  
—Senator Carrie Hamblen, Vice Chair

9:15 a.m. (7) [Alternative Energy Development: Hydrogen and Carbon Capture](#)  
—Mark Pedrotty, President and CEO, CO2Rescue  
—Senator William E. Sharer

10:30 a.m. (8) [Outdoor Recreation Economy](#)  
—Karina Armijo, Director, New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Division, Economic Development Department  
—Kerrie Romero, Executive Director, New Mexico Council of Outfitters and Guides  
—William Blackstock, Owner, Far Flung Adventures

12:30 p.m. **Working Lunch**  
(9) [Central New Mexico Community College \(CNM\) Outdoor Recreation Accelerator](#)  
—Jeffrey Bargiel, Interim Senior Director, Entrepreneurship, CNM Ingenuity

1:00 p.m. (10) [State Agency Updates: Current and Future Initiatives Impacting Business](#)  
—Mark Roper, Acting Secretary, Economic Development Department  
—Jennifer Saavedra, Deputy Secretary, Tourism Department

2:30 p.m. **Public Comment\***

3:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

\*Members of the public may make virtual public comments during the public comment period of the meeting by following the instructions under the "Virtual Public Comment" section of the Economic and Rural Development and Policy Committee [web page](#).