

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

**October 23-24, 2023
Canon de Carnue Land Grant Hall
364 United States Route 66
Tijeras**

The fourth meeting of the Land Grant Committee was called to order by Representative Kristina Ortez, chair, at 10:41 a.m. on October 23, 2023 at the Canon de Carnue Land Grant meeting hall in Tijeras.

Present

Rep. Kristina Ortez, Chair
Sen. Crystal Diamond Brantley (10/24)
Rep. Stefani Lord
Sen. Antonio Maestas (10/23)
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino (10/23)
Rep. Cristina Parajón
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto (10/23)

Absent

Sen. Leo Jaramillo, Vice Chair
Rep. Miguel P. García
Rep. Susan K. Herrera
Rep. Matthew McQueen
Rep. Tanya Mirabal Moya
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez

Advisory Members

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Sen. Linda M. Lopez

Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Harry Garcia
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Rep. Rod Montoya
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics
Rep. Luis M. Terrazas

Guest Legislators

Rep. Janelle Anyanonu (10/23)
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez (10/23)
Rep. Linda Serrato (10/23)

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

Staff

Cecilia Martinez, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Mark Edwards, Bill Drafter, LCS
Zander Dawson, 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, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and committee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Monday, October 23

Welcome and Introductions (10:41 a.m.)

Representative Ortez welcomed members of the committee and public. Committee members introduced themselves.

La Merced del Manzano Land Grant-Merced Updates (10:42 a.m.)

Jason Quintana, president, La Merced del Manzano Land Grant-Merced, provided an update on the status and goals of La Merced del Manzano Land Grant-Merced.

Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAE) (11:53 a.m.)

Drew Lovelace, acting broadband director, OBAE, presented on the OBAE's programs, challenges and legislative priorities. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20102323%20Item%202%20OBAE%20Presentation.pdf>.

Canon de Carnue Land Grant-Merced Updates (1:53 p.m.)

J.J. Herrera, president, Canon de Carnue Land Grant-Merced, and Moises Gonzales, president, Canon de Carnue Land Grant Board of Trustees, associate professor, Urban Design, University of New Mexico (UNM), and chair, Community and Regional Planning Program, UNM, discussed the history of the Canon de Carnue Land Grant-Merced and the overall legacy of land grants-mercedes in New Mexico.

Former Piedra Lumbre Visitor Center Development Update (2:41 p.m.)

Steve Polaco, president, Land Grant-Merced de los Pueblos de Tierra Amarilla Board of Trustees, and Leonard Martinez, president, San Joaquin del Rio de Chama Land Grant-Merced Board of Trustees, provided an update on the Former Piedra Lumbre Visitor Center Development project.

New Mexico Land Grant Consejo (3:00 p.m.)

Andrea Padilla, president, Town of Tome Land Grant-Merced Board of Trustees, and president, New Mexico Land Grant Consejo, and Mr. Quintana discussed the role of the New Mexico Land Grant Consejo and its ongoing projects. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20102323%20Item%205%20Land%20Grant%20Consejo%20Presentation.pdf>.

The Town of Tome Land Grant-Merced Updates (3:27 p.m.)

Ms. Padilla provided a brief history of and status update on the Town of Tome Land Grant-Merced. The presentation can be found here:

[https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20102323%20Item%206%20Town%20of%20Tome%20Presentation%20\(1\).pdf](https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20102323%20Item%206%20Town%20of%20Tome%20Presentation%20(1).pdf).

Chilili Land Grant-Merced (3:40 p.m.)

Juan Sanchez, president, member, Chilili Land Grant-Merced Board of Trustees, discussed the current status and future priorities of the Chilili Land Grant-Merced. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20102323%20Item%207%20Chilili%20Presentation.pdf>.

Public Comment (3:55 p.m.)

A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 4:12 p.m.

Tuesday, October 24**Tour of La Merced del Manzano Land Grant-Merced (9:09 a.m.)**

Members of the committee toured La Merced del Manzano Land Grant-Merced.

Tour of Canon de Carnue Land Grant-Merced (12:15 p.m.)

Members of the committee toured the Canon de Carnue Land Grant-Merced.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.