

Revised: August 25, 2023

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

**August 28, 2023
Doña Ana Community College-Sunland Park Center
3365 McNutt Road
Sunland Park**

**August 29-30, 2023
Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine
3501 Arrowhead Drive
Las Cruces**

Monday, August 28 — Doña Ana Community College-Sunland Park Center, Sunland Park

- 9:30 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Carrie Hamblen, Chair
- 9:40 a.m. (1) **[Welcome to Doña Ana Community College-Sunland Park](#)**
—Mónica Torres, Ph.D., President, Doña Ana Community College
- 10:30 a.m. (2) **[The Economic Impact of New Mexico Ports of Entry](#)**
—Jerry Pacheco, President, The Border Industrial Association; Executive
Director, International Business Accelerator
—Marco A. Grajeda, Executive Director, Border Authority
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (3) **[Industrial Logistics](#)**
—Dennis Melonas, Account Executive, Aries Worldwide Logistics
—Jose Guzman, District Manager, Aries Worldwide Logistics
- 2:15 p.m. (4) **[The Economic Impact of Short Line Railroads](#)**
—Raquel Espinoza, Senior Director, Public Affairs, Union Pacific
—Hildeberto Moreno, Director, Land Development and Sales, Ironhorse
Resources, Inc.
—Patrick J. Sandoval, Chief of Staff, Office of the President, Navajo Nation
—Arvin Trujillo, Executive Administrator, Office of the President, Navajo
Nation
—Mike Stark, County Manager, San Juan County

3:30 p.m. **Public Comment**

3:45 p.m. **Tour of The Border Industrial Association (Legislators Only)**

4:45 p.m. **Recess**

Tuesday, August 29 — Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM), Las Cruces

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

9:10 a.m. (5) **Welcome to and Economic Impact of BCOM**
—John Hummer, M.H.A., President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO),
BCOM

9:45 a.m. (6) **City of Las Cruces Metropolitan Redevelopment Areas and the
Catastrophic Business Relief Fund**
—Elizabeth Teeters, Director, Economic Development, City of Las Cruces
—Debbi Moore, President and CEO, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of
Commerce

11:00 a.m. (7) **Growing New Mexico's Film Industry**
—Amber Dodson, Director, New Mexico Film Office
—Shane Shariff, Economist, New Mexico Film Office

12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

1:30 p.m. (8) **Public Banking**
—Angela Merkert, Executive Director, Alliance for Local Economic
Prosperity
—Harold Dixon, Former President and CEO, State Employees Credit Union

3:00 p.m. (9) **Types and Impacts of Tax Increment Development Districts**
—Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski, Executive Director, Downtown Las Cruces
Partnership
—Susan Cabello, Director, Las Cruces Arts and Cultural District

4:30 p.m. **Public Comment**

4:45 p.m. **Recess**

Wednesday, August 30 — BCOM, Las Cruces

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

- 9:10 a.m. (10) [The Economic Impact of Nonprofit Organizations](#)
—Terra Winter, President and CEO, Community Foundation of Southern
New Mexico
—Dawn Hommer, President and CEO, Community Action Agency of
Southern New Mexico
—Lorenzo Alba, Jr., Executive Director, Casa de Peregrinos
- 10:30 a.m. (11) [Economics of Affordable Housing](#)
—Nicole Martinez, Executive Director, Mesilla Valley Community of Hope
—Natalie Green, Housing and Neighborhood Services, City of Las Cruces
- 12:00 noon **Public Comment**
- 1:00 p.m. **Tour of Baked Chicken Farm (Legislators Only)**
- 3:00 p.m. **Adjourn**