

Revised: October 10, 2023

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

**October 11, 2023
Bataan Hall
University of New Mexico-Taos
120 Civic Plaza Drive
Taos**

**October 12, 2023
City Council Chambers
Los Alamos County Municipal Building
1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos**

**October 13, 2023
State Capitol, Senate Chamber
Santa Fe**

Wednesday, October 11 — Taos

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order**
—Senator Carrie Hamblen, Chair
- 10:10 a.m. (1) **[Update on New Mexico's Cannabis Industry](#)**
—Todd Stevens, Director, Cannabis Control Division, Regulation and
Licensing Department
—Ben Lewinger, Executive Director, New Mexico Cannabis Chamber of
Commerce
—Dillon Gross, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Taos Canyon Cannabis
Company
—Tony Martinez, CEO, Lava Leaf Organics
- 11:30 a.m. (2) **[Indigenous Filmmaking](#)**
—Ramona Emerson, Co-Owner, Reel Indian Pictures
—Kelly Byars, Co-Owner, Reel Indian Pictures
—Geoff Kie, Owner, Geoff Kie Productions
—Peter Romero, Stage Manager, Camel Rock Studios
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

- 1:00 p.m. (3) [Update from the New Mexico Bioscience Authority](#)
—Stephanie Tofighi, Executive Director, New Mexico Bioscience Authority
—Paul Laur, Member, New Mexico Bioscience Authority; Chief Operating Officer, Mercury Bio
- 2:00 p.m. (4) [Developing Geothermal Energy](#)
—Senator Gerald Ortiz y Pino
—Tom Solomon, Electrical Engineer and Facilitator, Geothermal Development Working Group; Co-Coordinator, 350 New Mexico
—Shari Kelley, Ph.D., Senior Geophysicist and Field Geologist, Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
- 3:00 p.m. (5) [Distributed Energy Resources](#)
—Jim DesJardins, Executive Director, Renewable Energy Industries Association of New Mexico
- 4:00 p.m. (6) [Economic Development in Taos](#)
—Christopher Larsen, Director, Planning, Community and Economic Development, Town of Taos
—Ilona Spruce, Tourism Director, Pueblo of Taos
—Anthony Duran, Preservation Director, Pueblo of Taos
- 5:00 p.m. **Public Comment**
- 5:10 p.m. **Recess**

Thursday, October 12 — Los Alamos

- 9:00 a.m. **Reconvene**
- 9:10 a.m. (7) [Welcome to Los Alamos County](#)
—Steven Lynne, County Manager, Los Alamos County
- 9:30 a.m. (8) [Update from the Workforce Solutions Department \(WSD\)](#)
—Sarita Nair, Secretary, WSD
- 11:15 a.m. (9) [Paid Family and Medical Leave](#)
—Tracy McDaniel, Policy Advocate, Southwest Women's Law Center
—Sarita Nair, Secretary, WSD
—Representative Christine Chandler
—Representative Linda Serrato
- 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**

- 2:00 p.m. (10) [Outdoor Recreation in Los Alamos County](#)
—Anne Laurent, Deputy County Manager, Los Alamos County
—James Glover, Founder and Co-Director, endeavorOR New Mexico
- 3:00 p.m. (11) [Addressing Food Insecurity in New Mexico](#)
—Katy Anderson, President, New Mexico Association of Food Banks;
Chief Programs Officer, Roadrunner Food Bank
—Sherry Hooper, Executive Director, The Food Depot

4:00 p.m. **Public Comment**

4:15 p.m. **Recess**

Friday, October 13 — Santa Fe

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

- 9:10 a.m. (12) [Perspectives on Public Banking](#)
—Ryan Marie Decker, Policy and Capital Strategist, New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA)
—Marquita Russel, CEO, NMFA (remote)
—Chris Moya, President and CEO, Independent Community Bankers Association of New Mexico
—John Anderson, Executive Vice President, New Mexico Bankers Association
—Jay Jenkins, CEO, CNB Bank (remote)
—Jason Wyatt, CEO, Western Commerce Bank (remote)
—Alan Shettlesworth, President and CEO, Main Bank
—Doug Stone, Executive Vice President, JP Stone Community Bank
—Melia Heimbeck, President and CEO, Credit Union Association of New Mexico
—Angela Merkert, Executive Director, Alliance for Local Economic Prosperity

11:30 a.m. (13) [Consideration of Legislation for Endorsement](#)

12:00 noon **Public Comment**

12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**