

Revised: October 13, 2022

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

**October 12, 2022
Event Space at D.H. Lescombes Winery and Tasting Room
7075 Highway 549 SE
Deming**

**October 13, 2022
War Eagles Air Museum
8012 Airport Road
Santa Teresa**

**October 14, 2022
Spaceport America
County Road A021
Truth or Consequences**

Wednesday, October 12 — Deming

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order**
—Representative Antonio Maestas, Chair
- 10:05 a.m. **Welcome**
—Brandon Young, Chief Executive Officer, Lescombes Family Vineyards
—Benny Jasso, Mayor, City of Deming
- 10:15 a.m. (1) **[Copper Mining in New Mexico: New Mexico Copper Corporation](#)**
—Jeff Smith, Chief Operating Officer, New Mexico Copper Corporation
- 11:00 a.m. (2) **[Education and the Economy: The Importance of Research and Development](#)**
—Dr. Joseph Shepard, President, Western New Mexico University
—Matthew Gallegos, Executive Director, Tech Transfer Collaborative Office, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
—David Hanson, Ph.D., Assistant Vice President for Research, University of New Mexico
—Ganesh Balakrishnan, Director, New Mexico Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. (3) [Developing New Mexico's Geothermal Economy](#)
—Senator Gerald Ortiz y Pino (remote)
—Tom Solomon, Electrical Engineer and Facilitator, Geothermal Development Working Group; Co-Coordinator, 350 New Mexico (remote)
—Shari Kelley, Ph.D., Senior Geophysicist and Field Geologist, Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (remote)
—Olga Lavrova, Ph.D., Associate Professor, College of Engineering, New Mexico State University (remote)

2:00 p.m. (4) [Workforce and Livability: A Strategic Approach to Recruit, Retain and Expand Opportunities in Rural New Mexico](#)
—Aaron Sera, City Administrator, City of Deming
—Cassie Arias-Ward, Economic and Tourism Development Coordinator, City of Deming
—Kerena Barron, Area Manager, Workforce Solutions Department

3:00 p.m. (5) [Benefits of Daylight Saving Time](#)
—Senator Cliff R. Pirtle
—Scott Yates, Founder, #LocktheClock (remote)

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

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

Thursday, October 13 — Santa Teresa

9:30 a.m. **Welcome**
—Javier Perea, Mayor, City of Sunland Park
—Mario Juarez-Infante, Interim City Manager, City of Anthony; Acting City Manager, City of Sunland Park

11:00 a.m. (6) [International Trade in New Mexico](#)
—Jerry Pacheco, President, Border Industrial Association; Executive Director, New Mexico International Business Accelerator
—Joshua Orozco, International Business Specialist, New Mexico International Business Accelerator
—Joseph De La Rosa, Special Projects Manager, Department of Transportation

12:00 noon **Lunch**

- 1:00 p.m. (7) [Union Pacific Update on Investments in Santa Teresa](#)
—Raquel Espinoza, Senior Director of Public Relations, Union Pacific
—J.D. Bullington, Lobbyist, Union Pacific
- 2:00 p.m. (8) [Building the Border Economy: Update from the Border Authority and the Border Industrial Association](#)
—Marco A. Grajeda, Executive Director, Border Authority
—Jerry Pacheco, President, Border Industrial Association; Executive Director, New Mexico International Business Accelerator
- 3:00 p.m. **Public Comment**
- 3:30 p.m. **Tour of Border Industrial Association (Legislators Only)**
- 5:00 p.m. **Recess**

Friday, October 14 — Truth or Consequences

- 10:00 a.m. **Welcome**
—Travis Day, Commissioner, District 2, Sierra County Board of County Commissioners
- 10:15 a.m. (9) [The Economics of the Mescalero Apache Tribe](#)
—Sarah Kazhe, Director of Marketing, Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino
—Nelva Cervantes, General Counsel, Mescalero Apache Tribe
—Adrena Orosco, Secretary and Councilwoman, Mescalero Apache Tribe
- 11:15 a.m. (10) [Update from Spaceport America](#)
—Scott McLaughlin, Executive Director, Spaceport America
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Tour of Virgin Galactic (Legislators Only)**
- 3:00 p.m. **Adjourn**