

Revised: August 3, 2021

**TENTATIVE AGENDA  
for the  
THIRD MEETING  
of the  
INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**August 4-5, 2021  
University of New Mexico-Gallup  
Student Services and Technology Center, Room 200  
705 Gurley Avenue  
Gallup**

**August 6, 2021  
McKinley County Building  
207 West Hill Avenue  
Gallup**

**Wednesday, August 4 — Joint Meeting with the Rural Economic Opportunities Task Force, University of New Mexico (UNM)-Gallup**

- 9:00 a.m.           **Call to Order and Introductions**  
—Representative Georgene Louis, Co-Chair, Indian Affairs Committee  
—Senator Shannon D. Pinto, Co-Chair, Indian Affairs Committee  
—Representative Candie G. Sweetser, Co-Chair, Rural Economic Opportunities Task Force  
—Senator Siah Correa Hemphill, Co-Chair, Rural Economic Opportunities Task Force
- 9:15 a.m.           (1) **[Welcome and Update from the City of Gallup and UNM-Gallup](#)**  
—Louie Bonaguidi, Mayor, City of Gallup  
—Dr. James R. Malm, Chancellor, and Professor, Business and Applied Technology, Community Education and Workforce Development Division, UNM-Gallup
- 9:25 a.m.           (2) **[Bioscience as a Means of Economic Development](#)**  
—Richard Larson, M.D., Ph.D., Director, New Mexico Bioscience Authority; Executive Vice Chancellor, UNM Health Sciences Center
- 10:30 a.m.          (3) **[Economic Opportunities and Challenges of Uranium Mine Cleanup](#)**  
—Susan Gordon, Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment  
—Representative D. Wonda Johnson  
—Valinda Shirley, Executive Director, Environmental Protection Agency, Navajo Nation (invited)

- 11:45 a.m. (4) [Historic Sites and Opportunities for Economic Development](#)  
—Dr. Patrick Moore, Executive Director, New Mexico Historic Sites,  
Cultural Affairs Department
- 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 2:15 p.m. (5) [Infrastructure Needs on Tribal Lands and in Rural Communities](#)  
—Representatives from the All Pueblo Council of Governors (invited)  
—Dr. Pearl Yellowman, Executive Director, Division of Community  
Development, Navajo Nation  
—Paulson Chaco, Chief of Staff, Office of the President and Vice President,  
Navajo Nation  
—Evan Williams, Executive Director, Northwest New Mexico Council of  
Governments
- 3:30 p.m. (6) [Broadband Access on Tribal Lands and in Rural Communities](#)  
—John Badal, Chief Executive Officer, Sacred Wind Communications  
—Matejka Santillanes, Executive Director, New Mexico Exchange Carrier  
Group  
—Jay Santillanes, Lobbyist, New Mexico Exchange Carrier Group
- 4:45 p.m. (7) [Update from Request for Proposals Contractor on Rural Infrastructure  
Study](#)  
—Terry Brunner, Chief Executive Officer, Pivotal New Mexico  
—Jenny Jackson, Program Manager, Pivotal New Mexico
- 5:15 p.m. **Public Comment**
- 5:45 p.m. **Recess**
- Thursday, August 5 — Joint Meeting with the Rural Economic Opportunities Task Force,  
UNM-Gallup**

- 9:00 a.m. **Reconvene**
- 9:15 a.m. (8) [Legalization of Recreational Cannabis and Tribal and Rural  
Communities](#)  
—John Blair, Deputy Superintendent, Regulation and Licensing Department  
—Matt Muñoz, Chief Innovation and Finance Officer, Carver Family Farm;  
Board Member, New Mexico Independent Cannabis Association  
—Representatives from the All Pueblo Council of Governors (invited)  
—Jesse Delmar, Executive Director, Division of Public Safety, Navajo  
Nation  
—Kimberly A. Dutcher, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney  
General, Department of Justice, Navajo Nation

- Dr. Jill Jim, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.H.A., Executive Director, Department of Health, Navajo Nation
- Alexander Greenberg, Financial Program Specialist, Economic Development Department

10:30 a.m. (9) **Update on Road Construction on Tribal Lands and Rural Communities**

- Rick Padilla, Executive Director of Highway Operations, Department of Transportation (DOT)
- George Dodge, Director, Local Government Relations, DOT
- Clarissa Martinez, State Grant Manager, DOT
- Desiree Sanchez, State Grant Supervisor, DOT

11:45 a.m. (10) **Behavioral Health Licensure and Native American Healing Arts Exemption**

- Charlie Alfero, Executive Advisor, Center for Health Innovation
- Susan Wilger, Executive Advisor, Center for Health Innovation
- Dr. Kevin Foley, Executive Director, Na'Nizhoozhi Center, Inc.

1:00 p.m. **Lunch**

2:15 p.m. (11) **Native American and Rural Education: Updates on the Yazzie/Martinez and Zuni Lawsuits, Education in Rural and Tribal Schools and Cross-Border Schools**

- Melissa Candelaria, Senior Education Attorney, New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty
- Alisa Diehl, Senior Education Attorney, New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty
- Lashawna Tso, Assistant Secretary of Indian Education, Public Education Department (invited)
- Dr. Gwen Perea Warniment, Deputy Secretary for Teaching, Learning and Assessment, Public Education Department
- Patricia Gonnig, Superintendent of Schools, Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education (invited)
- Daniel Tso, Council Member and Chair, Health, Education and Human Services Committee, 24th Navajo Nation Council
- Milton Bluehouse, Jr., Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the President and Vice President, Navajo Nation
- Mona Martinez, Chief Procurement Officer and Staff Attorney, Public School Facilities Authority
- Representatives from the All Pueblo Council of Governors (invited)

4:00 p.m. (12) **In-State Meat Inspections and Livestock Regulations**

- Belinda Garland, Executive Director, New Mexico Livestock Board
- Darryl Billy, Ranger Sergeant, Resource Enforcement, Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources

5:00 p.m.           **Public Comment**

5:15 p.m.           **Recess**

**Friday, August 6 — McKinley County Building, Gallup**

9:00 a.m.           **Reconvene**

9:15 a.m.       (13) **Presentation from Sovereign Energy**  
—Mayane Barudin, Sovereign Energy

10:15 a.m.       (14) **Update from Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services**  
—Don Smithburg, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Rehoboth McKinley  
Christian Health Care Services  
—Dr. Valory Wangler, Chief Medical Officer, Rehoboth McKinley  
Christian Health Care Services

11:15 a.m.       (15) **Presentation on the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial**  
—Dudley Byerley, Ceremonial Coordinator and Past President, Gallup  
Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Association  
—Kyle Tom, President, Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Association

12:15 p.m.       **Lunch**

1:15 p.m.       (16) **Presentation from Battered Families Services**  
—Emily Ellison, Executive Director, Battered Families Services

2:45 p.m.       (17) **Presentation on Wildlife Management**  
—Ralph Zimmerman, D.V.M., State Veterinarian, New Mexico Livestock  
Board  
—Glenda Davis, R.V.T., M.B.A., Founding President, Animal Rez-Q Inc.;  
Former Program Manager, Navajo Nation Animal Control Program  
—Gloria Tom, Director, Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife

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

4:30 p.m.           **Adjourn**