

**MINUTES  
of the  
FIFTH MEETING  
of the  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

**October 12-13, 2021  
Clovis Civic Center  
801 Schepps Boulevard  
Clovis**

The fifth meeting of the Economic Development and Policy Committee was called to order by Senator Carrie Hamblen, chair, on October 12, 2021 at 10:51 a.m. at the Clovis Civic Center in Clovis.

**Present**

Sen. Carrie Hamblen, Chair  
Rep. Meredith A. Dixon  
Sen. Ron Griggs  
Rep. Tara L. Lujan  
Rep. Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert  
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.  
Sen. Pat Woods

**Absent**

Rep. Antonio Maestas, Vice Chair  
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo  
Rep. Joshua Hernandez  
Sen. Leo Jaramillo  
Rep. Raymundo Lara  
Rep. Georgene Louis  
Rep. Willie D. Madrid  
Rep. Kristina Ortez  
Sen. Michael Padilla  
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero  
Rep. Linda Serrato

**Advisory Members**

Sen. Crystal R. Diamond (10/13)  
Rep. Joy Garratt  
Rep. Pamela Herndon (10/13)  
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle (10/13)

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon  
Rep. Anthony Allison  
Rep. Gail Armstrong  
Rep. Alonzo Baldonado  
Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena  
Sen. Jacob R. Candelaria  
Rep. Ambrose Castellano  
Rep. Christine Chandler  
Rep. Rebecca Dow  
Sen. Katy M. Duhigg  
Rep. Doreen Y. Gallegos  
Sen. Siah Correa Hemphill  
Rep. Susan K. Herrera  
Rep. Derrick J. Lente  
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom

Rep. Marian Matthews  
Rep. Matthew McQueen  
Rep. Rod Montoya  
Rep. William "Bill" R. Rehm  
Rep. Andrea Romero  
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez  
Rep. Nathan P. Small  
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics  
Rep. Candie G. Sweetser  
Sen. Bill Tallman  
Rep. Luis M. Terrazas

### **Guest Legislators**

Rep. Randal S. Crowder  
Rep. Martin R. Zamora

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

### **Staff**

Peter Kovnat, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)  
Samantha DeLap, Intern, 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](http://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.

### **Tuesday, October 12**

#### **Welcome to Clovis and Local Economic Development (10:52 a.m.)**

Mike Morris, mayor, City of Clovis, discussed local economic development. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/EDPC%20101221%20Item%201%20Welcome%20to%20Clovis.pdf>.

**Economic Impact of Military Bases and Military Spouses (11:27 a.m.)**

David Robinson, chair, Committee of Fifty, and former city commissioner, City of Clovis, spoke about how developing initiatives to support air force members and their spouses contributes to the community and incentivizes the air force members to re-enlist. Ernie Kos, executive director, Clovis/Curry County Chamber of Commerce, discussed Clovis Remote, a program that aims to promote Clovis as an ideal space for remote work. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/EDPC%20101221%20Item%202%20Gig%20City%20Initiative-presentation-with-notes-10.11.21.pdf>.

**Update on the New Mexico Livestock Board and Meat Inspections (1:21 p.m.)**

Shawn Davis, deputy director, New Mexico Livestock Board, provided the committee with a history of the New Mexico Livestock Board. Belinda Garland, executive director, New Mexico Livestock Board, reviewed the board's authority to adopt and promulgate rules for meat inspection. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/EDPC%20101221%20Item%203%20NM%20Livestock%20Board.pdf>.

**Impact to New Mexico of Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine in Amarillo (2:15 p.m.)**

Shanna L. Ivey, professor and department head, Department of Animal and Range Sciences, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, New Mexico State University, discussed the partnership between New Mexico students and the Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/EDPC%20101221%20Item%204%20TTU%20Vet%20School.pdf>.

**Public Comment (2:53 p.m.)**

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

**Recess**

The meeting recessed at 2:57 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 13****Reconvene**

Senator Hamblen reconvened the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

**Public Banks for Rural Communities, Small Businesses and Communities of Color (10:17 a.m.)**

Angela Merkert, executive director, Alliance for Local Economic Prosperity (AFLEP); Sarah Manning, outreach coordinator, AFLEP; and Robert A. Mang, treasurer, Board of Directors, AFLEP, presented on public banks. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/EDPC%20101221%20Item%205%20Public%20Bank.pdf>.

**Hydrogen: Economic Development and Equity (11:00 a.m.)**

Sammi Kao, climate and energy advocate, Conservation Voters New Mexico, presented on hydrogen and gave the committee an overview of the Escalante Power Plant's plans for the future. James Povijua, policy director, Center for Civic Policy and Power4NM, spoke about the goals of Power4NM and the importance of attaining those goals with equity and justice. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/EDPC%20101221%20Item%206%20Hydrogen%20Energy%20in%20NM.pdf>.

**Public Comment (11:58 a.m.)**

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.