

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

**September 4, 2024  
20885 Frontage Road, Exit 102  
Interstate 10  
Akela Flats**

**September 5, 2024  
Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine  
3501 Arrowhead Drive, Room 208  
Las Cruces**

**September 6, 2024  
New Mexico State University  
Corbett Center Student Union, East Ballroom, Room 320  
Las Cruces**

**Wednesday, September 4 — Akela Flats**

- 10:00 a.m.           **Call to Order and Introductions**  
—Representative D. Wonda Johnson, Chair, Indian Affairs Committee
- 10:15 a.m.    (1)    **[Welcome and Status Update](#)**  
—Jennifer M. Heminokeky, Chair, Fort Sill Apache Tribe
- 11:15 a.m.    (2)    **[An Update from Luna County](#)**  
—Chris Brice, County Manager, Luna County
- 12:15 p.m.           **Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m.       (3)    **[An Overview of Agrivoltaics](#)**  
—Stacie Peterson, Ph.D., Director, Energy Program, National Center for  
Appropriate Technology
- 2:15 p.m.       (4)    **[An Update from the Indian Resources Development \(IRD\) Program](#)**  
—Cherylin Atcitty, Interim Director, IRD Program, New Mexico State  
University (NMSU)
- 3:15 p.m.           **Public Comment\***
- 3:25 p.m.           **Recess**

3:30 p.m.           **Tour of the Historic Luna County Courthouse, 700 South Silver Avenue, Deming\*\***

**Thursday, September 5 — Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine**

9:30 a.m.           **Reconvene**

9:45 a.m.       (5) **Welcome and Status Update**  
—Nina Nunez, Vice President, Institutional Effectiveness, and Chief of Staff, Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine

10:30 a.m.       (6) **League of Women Voters of New Mexico (LWVNM) Update**  
—Hannah Burling, Co-President, LWVNM  
—Dick Mason, Member, Board of Directors, LWVNM  
—Leonard Gorman, Executive Director, Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission  
—Cedric Page, Treasurer, Santa Fe Chapter, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

11:30 a.m.       (7) **New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) Update**  
—Sally Marquez, Executive Director, NMAA

12:30 p.m.       **Lunch**

1:30 p.m.       (8) **Update from Native American Voters Alliance (NAEVA)**  
—Ahtza Dawn Chavez, Executive Director, NAEVA  
—Aaron Lee, Manager, Policy and Campaigns, NAEVA

2:30 p.m.       (9) **An Overview of State Policy and Tribal Energy Development**  
—Mayane Chavez Barudin, Executive Director and Founder, Sovereign Energy

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

3:45 p.m.           **Recess**

**Friday, September 6 — NMSU**

9:30 a.m.           **Reconvene**

9:45 a.m.       (10) **Welcome and Status Update**  
—Dr. Monica Torres, Interim President, NMSU

10:30 a.m.       (11) **Workforce Solutions Department (WSD) Energy Transition Act Update**  
—Sarita Nair, Secretary, WSD

11:30 a.m. (12) **[Connect New Mexico Office of Broadband Access and Expansion \(OBAE\) Broadband on Tribal Lands](#)**  
—L. Stephine Poston, Tribal Support, OBAE  
—Valerie Quintana, Broadband Tribal Coordinator, OBAE

12:30 p.m. **Public Comment\***

12:45 p.m. **Adjourn**

12:50 p.m. **Lunch**

\*Members of the public may make virtual public comments during the public comment period of the meeting by following the instructions under the "Virtual Public Comment" section of the Indian Affairs Committee [web page](#).

\*\*This is an invitation-only tour for committee members and staff.