

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

**September 28-29, 2015
Shuler Theater
Raton**

Monday, September 28

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order — Introductions — Approval of Minutes**
—Senator Benny Shendo, Jr., Chair
- 9:05 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks**
—Sandy Mantz, Mayor, Raton
- 9:30 a.m. (1) **Great Blocks: Rural redevelopment — Public Infrastructure**
—Brenda Ferri, Executive Director, Raton Arts and Cultural District
—Diana M. Sanchez, President, Raton MainStreet; President, Great Blocks
—Rich Williams, Director, New Mexico MainStreet and Arts and
Cultural District
- 11:00 a.m. (2) **Tourism Work Force Development**
—Jen Schroer, Chief Executive Officer and President, New Mexico
Hospitality Association
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m. (3) **Broadband Task Force Steering Committee Report**
—Charlie Farrell, Executive Director, New Mexico Exchange Carrier Group
- 2:15 p.m. (4) **New Mexico Small Business Development Center: Providing Economic
Development Assistance to Small Businesses**
—Russell Wyrick, State Director, New Mexico Small Business
Development Center
—Adriene Gallegos, Associate State Director, Outreach and Program
Development, New Mexico Small Business Development Center
- 3:15 p.m. (5) **Four-County Ground Water Initiative**
—Bill Sauble, Chair, Colfax County Commission
- 4:15 p.m. **Public Comment**

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

Tuesday, September 29

9:30 a.m. (6) **Utility Infrastructure to Meet New Mexico's Future Needs**
—Sayuri Yamada, Director of New Mexico Government Affairs, Public
Service Company of New Mexico

10:30 a.m. (7) **Workforce Solutions Department Update — Unemployment Insurance**
—Celina Bussey, Secretary, Workforce Solutions Department

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