

New Mexico Sustainable Economy Task Force Minutes

Hosted Via Zoom

April 19, 2023 | 9:30am – 11:00am

Lucinda Sydow- Absent	Thom Cole- Absent	Shani Harvie- Present
Steven Moise- Absent	Charles Wollmann- Present	Dana Bahar- Present
Breezy Gutierrez- Absent	AnnaLinden Weller- Present	Miori Harms- Present
Leo Delgado- Present	Sarita Nair- Absent	Stephanie Clark- Absent
Steve Vierck- Present	Aurora Martinez- Absent	
James Povijua-Present	Patricia Trujillo- Present	

Agenda: Called to order at 9:37am

1. Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda
 - a. James moves to approve
 - b. Second : AnnaLinden
 - c. Motion Passed
3. Approve January Minutes
 - a. Steve moves to approve
 - b. Second : James
 - c. Motion Passed
4. Discussion: James Povijua, SEAC Chair
 - a. Update on Community Engagement Plan for the NM Statewide Strategic Plan
 - i. Working groups will be established that will help establish recommendations for the SETF
 - ii. an example of a working group with be Tribal Engagement
 - iii. Each member of SEAC will be required to sit on a working group.
 - iv. SEAC members will be required to attend 3 meetings (setting
 - v. SEAC meetings will be hosted in different regions throughout the state, there will be a hybrid option, this will be an effort to have better community engagement.
 - b. Marcela Diaz- ED of Somos Un Pueblo Unido
 - i. Energy Transition Act- HB188 and HB12
 - a. Did not pass
 1. Would've created an Economic Transition under EDD
 2. Would have created a 10-million-dollar fund that could have been utilized for infrastructure
 3. Would have expanded the SEAC
 - b. Representative Angelica Rubio- Thanked the SETF for their support and acknowledged the work that went into this effort.
 - c. Shani- It would be an interesting conversation to see what LEDA and this transition would look like in a collaboration.

d. AnnaLinden- EMNRD is thinking that with that pot of money how to encourage the geothermal industry and how that can be a place for oil and gas workers to utilize their skills in an industry that is about to take off. Would like to have a discussion with Rep. Rubio and NMEDD.

e. James- Another portion of this discussion will be Tom Singer and he will be able to expand on this.

c. Tom Singer- Western Environment Law Center

i. Putting NM Economic Development Programs to Work for a Sustainable and Diversified Economy

ii. Created statute HB7

a. \$70 million appropriation in 2022

b. To provide financing to develop land, buildings or infrastructure to create or expand economic development opportunities within the state.

i. Questions

a. Angelica Rubio- Is there a mechanism that already exists to bring in communities?

i. I would defer to the agency folks on the call, it's a question of outreach.

Agency obligations and borrower obligations, but beyond that, I'm all ears.

b. Steve- This is really good stuff. From the SLO this is a good synopsis in terms of dollars and structuring programs, LEDA related and ventures. Looking at wind and solar, most turbines are coming from out of state, there are a lot of jobs for installation but it's short term, there are very few operational jobs. We need to move up the value chain where we are doing production of devices.

c. Nena Benavidez- I encourage the speaker to look at the North American Wind Research and Training Institute in Tucumcari at Mesalands Community College

d. Marcela Diaz- Somos Un Pueblo Unido is working with UNM center for Social Research on a Community Based study on barrios of immigrant workers face (oil and gas), we are working on identifying those barrios and a major one is these individuals are 12–16-hour days so there is very little room to start working on those transferable skills. Working with DWS about thinking about the investments that are needed right now. We will also start to explore wage differentials.

e. Patricia- Immigrant workers are eligible for the Opportunity Scholarship. We have ENMU campuses who are working on expanding programs in Wind Energy, as you continue you these conversations, please include HED. I am learning a lot in this conversation and am thankful for it.

f. Shani- part of the work that JEDI is doing is trying to develop marketing content to gain a better basis and what the programs are and what the application process looks like in addition to what they can provide. We are going to lean into short content that is more social media friendly and accessible. For SSBCI those funds in going into VC and CAP, currently those funds have not yet been allocated, but once those programs are available our marketing efforts will make this process more comprehensible. Involving SEAC in the Community Engagement piece would be helpful.

g. James- The communications component for monitoring this is important. The funding component is important for the work that SEAC and TF are doing, in addition to making our communication platforms more robust which will amplify SEAC's efforts, and we will make more gains. Tribal Engagement and Permian Basin working group

- h. Steve- When you read the Statewide Plan, a big key would be these target sectors, where you not only have a plan, but an ability to bridge all the different interests. Bridge together where people can communicate. The core working groups would be from within the plan itself to get everybody connected.
- i. Tom Singer- There are Green Chambers of Commerce in Las Cruces and Santa Fe, they might be helpful . I'm working with 350.org on wind and solar, identifying companies moving up that value chain and will be reaching out with information.

5. Public Comments

- a. None

6. Vote to Adjourn

- a. Motion to Adjourn: James
- b. Second: Patricia
- c. Motion Passed