

DRAFT AGENDA

Sustainable Economy Advisory Council: SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, August 15, 2024

3-4:00 PM Mountain Time

Location:

VIRTUAL ONLY

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Agenda

1. Roll call
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of minutes from June 25, 2024

Presentation and Discussion of June 2024 Memo

4. Presentation of the June 2024 memo created by SEAC Chair Povijua and SETForce Chair Lucero-Matteucci, available here: [“Taking Stock of New Mexico’s Sustainable Economy Advisory Council and Task Force”](#)
 - a. This presentation will also include relevant updates on community engagement and the state plan
5. Advisory Council discussion
6. Action to vote on recommendations contained in the memo (A compilation of the exact recommendations contained in the memo is also listed at the end of this agenda for reference.)

Presentation and Discussion of SEAC Chair’s Recommendations

7. Presentation of possible policy recommendations from SEAC Chair James Povijua
 - a. Recommendation to support Sustainable Economy work in the Economic Development Department through the creation of a dedicated office
 - b. Recommendation to devote resources and staffing to this office to:
 - i. Conduct strategic planning to assure long-term revenue from diversified sources beyond extractive industries
 - ii. Pursue economic resilience and social equity, including through community engagement and working directly with frontline and marginalized communities, especially those most impacted by extractive industries
 - iii. Bolster economic growth for New Mexico’s rural and urban areas, recognizing their unique needs
 - iv. Promote efficiency and accountability by cultivating sophisticated quantitative analysis and evidence-based policies; tracking success metrics and progress; standardizing methodologies in EDD and across NM government
 - v. Support renewable energy development and equitable energy access across New Mexico and Tribes, Pueblos, and nations: Respond to SB112’s mandate to bolster

workforce development in clean energy and other jobs with high occupational health rates

8. Advisory Council discussion
9. Action to vote on SEAC Chair's recommendations
10. Public comments
11. Vote to adjourn

Recommendations from the memo, listed in the order in which they appear:

- **Shorten and prioritize future iterations of the state plan** to make the document more accessible
- **Ensure that there is continuity between authorship and implementation of the state plan;** rather than external consultants whose involvement is limited, it is ideal for dedicated staff members at EDD to oversee these tasks, working to incorporate community engagement inputs
- **Incorporate more robust community and Tribal engagement in** future iterations of the plan
- **Guarantee long-term, dedicated staff capacity within EDD** to support and administer the Advisory Council and Task Force; **support Sustainable Economy work within EDD; secure long-term funding** to support these efforts
- **Extend the lifetime of SEAC and SETForce beyond 2027**
- **Explore avenues to compensate SEAC members** for their expertise, time, travel, and lodging
- **Devote special attention to federal funding opportunities,** especially those that increase equitable access to renewable energy in New Mexico and Tribes, Pueblos, and nations
- **Pursue more targeted strategies for economic diversification**
- **Create additional support mechanisms for communities impacted by the energy transition,** including place-based and community-led economic development opportunities
- **Pay special attention to the social inequities that govern things like energy and infrastructure access,** as well as climate vulnerability; create opportunities for projects that might have co-benefits with marginalized communities and continue to heed SB112's mandate for direct focus on disproportionately impacted communities
- **Innovate additional workforce development opportunities for underemployed and difficult-to reach workers,** considering the benefits of wraparound services for increasing the accessibility of workforce development programs. Explore further workforce development opportunities in the trades, manufacturing, infrastructure, renewable energy, healthcare, construction, and childcare, as well as emerging career fields such as energy assessment and sustainable building design that will be bolstered by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act. In doing so, partner with Tribal colleges and universities.
- **Increase access to community-led economic development and renewable energy project funding opportunities. Support tangible commitments to equity and justice** in project development.