

NM Food & Agriculture Policy Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020

Time: 11:00– 2:30pm

Location: Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83616991152>

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Goals:

- Discuss 2020-21 legislative priorities current progress, strategies to move forward, best approaches to work with multiple group initiatives, policy makers, and agencies
- Explore 2021 legislative ideas, interim committee hearings, and autumn policy work
- NM Food, Farms and School Nutrition Day & Advocacy Training 2021 – Initial Planning
- Highlighting Federal Policy – COVID Support Programs, federal programs moving forward, and Planning for the 2021 Administration
- Annual Meeting:
 - Updates on Membership and Requirements
 - Governing Board Nominations and Presentations

Agenda:

11:00 – 11:20am: Welcome by the NM Food & Agriculture Policy Council

- Victories
- Introductions and Overview of the Day [SUSAN]

11:20am – 12:20pm

- **Focusing of Federal Policy and Our Roles at the Local Level – Presentation & RoundTable Discussion**
 - **Eric Deeble, Policy Director, National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition**
 - COVID Relief Packages & additional legislation to advance and what actions to consider between now and the election and end of year.
 - What to Consider for 2021 and Working with any transitions
 - Shared highlight from New Mexico's Congressional Leadership & Staff
 - Round Table Discussion with partners who represent national organizations: Rural Coalition, National Young Farmers Coalition, NM Farm and Livestock Bureau, National Black Farmers and Ranchers of America, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, and all.

12:20 – 12:30pm:

- Break

12:30 – 1:30pm:

2020-21 Legislative Priority Setting and Shared Legislation:

- **Brief Overview**
- **Presentation by Groups on Current Legislation Status, Priorities**
- **Representative Melanie Stansbury: Food, Hunger, Agriculture and Water Policy**
 - Organizing to coordinate advocacy efforts
- **Next Steps to Introduce Legislation for NMFAPC Consideration**

- **Planning for 2021 Legislative Session**
 - Legislative interim committee hearings:
 - Legislative Health & Human Services Interim Committee
Hunger & Food Systems Initiatives Presentation
Friday, September 25th, 9:30am – 11:00am & public comment 1:30pm
 - Economic & Rural Development Interim Committee (requested)
 - Communications Committee
 - Committee for food and farms and advocacy training

5 minute break

1:30 – 2:15pm:

- **Annual Meeting and Membership** (*see information below*)
 - Membership – who is a member and responsibilities.
 - Voting: voting requires paid membership and active (2 meetings per year)
 - Affiliate membership – Allow Vote or no vote; new tier . Send comments to Susan and Pam.
- **Governing Guidelines Recommendations:** discussion & vote
 - Terms changes.
- **Governing Board Nominations** (see information below)
- Review nominations confirmed (private sector)
- Nominee’s brief presentations (see slate and brief information sent out)
- Elections will be by e-vote to paid active members who have participated in the last year.
- E-voting will be sent out by Thursday, Sept. 24th and will close Thursday, October 1st.

2:15 – 2:30pm:

Next Meeting & Closing Remarks

NM Food & Agriculture Policy Council Governing Board Elections:

We have confirmed with the majority of the current Governing Board of their continued interest and new nominees (see information below). To be considered one must have participated in at least one NMFAPC meeting in the past year and be a current paid member.

Governing Board Members Responsibilities: The activities, affairs and property of the **Policy Council** will be managed and directed by the **Governing Board** except for the provisions and roles of the Council membership and Committees as otherwise directed in this document. (*See page 8, Governance Document*)

The **Governing Board** will be responsible for:

1. setting the guidelines and rules of deliberation and discussions;
2. making sure that the processes of the **Policy Council** are fair and followed;
- 3. monitoring the fiscal oversight of the Policy Council;**
4. appointing the Legislative Session Team and working with it during the Legislative Session; and,
5. supporting education and outreach efforts.

To be voted on: The **Governing Board** or its authorized designee(s) will speak on behalf of the **Policy Council** and its issues. No one member has the authority to speak for the **Policy Council**.

Term Limits: Governing Board members can be elected for up to (3) three (2) two-year consecutive terms.

The **Governing Board** will be elected by the **Policy Council** membership at an annual meeting with an electronic voting option. The **Governing Board** will be elected for a two (2) year term.

Officers: Officers will consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, immediate Past Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Nominations:

Organization Representatives: Vote for nine (9) Note: Voting will be conducted electronically from Sept 24 - 30, 2020. If you are eligible to vote, you will receive an email ballot

- Susan Wilger, Center for Health Innovation, *currently Chair of Governing Board and will become Past Chair*
- Helga Garza, Agricultura Cooperative Network, *currently Vice Chair and has been nominated to be Chair*
- Leiloni Begaye, First Nations Development Institute, Program Assistant, *current Governing Board member*
- Jaime Chavez, Rural Coalition and National Latino Farmers and Ranchers Trade Association, *current Governing Board member*
- Roger Gonzales, CPLC and HELP NM, *current Governing Board member*
- Clark de Schweinitz, Farm to Table, *current Governing Board member*
- Anthony Wagner, co-owner, Wagner Farms, *current Governing Board member*
- Isabelle Jenniches, Healthy Soil Working Group, *current Governing Board member*
- Denise Miller, NM Farmers Marketing Association, *current Governing Board member*
- Zoey Fink, National Young Farmers Coalition – NM
- Virginia Schroeder, New Mexico School Nutrition Association
- Lawrence Gallegos, Western Landowner Alliance
- Eugene Pickett, Black Farmers and Ranchers of America – NM

Agencies: Vote for seven (7) Note: Voting will be conducted electronically from Sept 24 - 30, 2020. If you are eligible to vote, you will receive an email ballot

- Kendal Chavez, NM Public Education Department, Farm to School Director (confirmed) *current Governing Board ex-Officio member*
- Dennis Hogan, NM Department of Agriculture, *current Governing Board ex-Officio member*
- John Garlisch, NM Cooperative Extension Service, *current Governing Board ex-Officio member*

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