



NEW MEXICO  
HIGHER EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT

# Conference Agenda

## Third Annual Higher Education Technical Summit

### Monday, March 23, 2026

7:30 A.M.	<b>Registration</b>				<i>NMSU Corbett Center</i>
7:30 - 8:30 A.M.	<b>Breakfast</b>				<i>NMSU Corbett Center</i>
8:30 - 9:15 A.M.	<b>General Session hosted by Cabinet Secretary Stephanie M. Rodriguez</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keynote</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Speaker Javier Martinez</li> <li>◦ Lieutenant Governor Howie Morales</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Special Guests</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Valerio Ferme, President, New Mexico State University</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				<i>Auditorium</i>
9:15 - 9:30 A.M.	<b>Break</b>				
9:30 - 10:45 A.M.	<b>NMHED Capital Projects</b> Capital Outlay Cycle, Grant Agreements, and Reporting <i>Ballroom 1</i>	<b>NMHED Financial Aid and CNM</b> <i>Shadows in the System</i> <i>Investigating "Ghost Students"</i> <i>Ballroom 2/3</i>	<b>NMHED Academic Affairs and Policy and ENMU</b> <i>Workforce GRO: Progress and the Path Ahead</i> <i>Senate Chambers</i>	<b>NCHEMS</b> <i>National Trends in State Higher Education Funding: Capacity, Adequacy, and Performance</i> <i>Col. Fountain Room</i>	
11 - 11:10 A.M.	<b>Break</b>				
11:10 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.	<b>TEMA</b> <i>Energy Management as a Solution for Deferred Maintenance</i> <i>Ballroom 1</i>	<b>Legislative Finance Committee</b> <i>Policy Changes and New Funding Opportunities</i> <i>Ballroom 2/3</i>	<b>NMHED Adult Education</b> <i>Expanding Postsecondary Access through a State-Defined Ability to Benefit Process</i> <i>Senate Chambers</i>	<b>GEAR UP</b> <i>Expanding College and Career Readiness: GEAR UP New Mexico's Innovative Approach</i> <i>Doña Ana Room</i>	
12:30 - 1:30 P.M.	<b>Lunch</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Plenary               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tom L. Harnisch, Vice President for Government Relations, State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				<i>Ballroom 1-3</i>

*\*Agenda subject to change prior to the event*

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<b>1:30 to 2:45 P.M.</b>	<b>NMHED Financial Aid Legislative Updates and Financial Aid Overview</b> <i>Ballroom 2/3</i>	<b>DFA-IPDD Capital Project System (CAPS), Quarterly Reporting and Effects of HB 247</b> <i>Senate Gallery</i>	<b>GEAR UP Leveling the Field: Celebrating GEAR UP NM Milestones and Student Success</b> <i>Doña Ana Room</i>	<b>NMHED Planning and Research DEAR Updates</b> <i>Col. Fountain Room</i>
<b>3 to 3:10 P.M.</b>	<b>Break</b>			
<b>3:10 to 4:15P.M.</b>	<b>NMHED Capital Projects CFRMS and Capital Outlay Summer Hearings</b> <i>Ballroom 1</i>	<b>NMHED Academic Affairs and Policy Microcredentials and Credit for Prior Learning in New Mexico</b> <i>Ballroom 2/3</i>	<b>NMHED Indian Education MOUs with Tribes, Nations and Pueblos</b> <i>Senate Chambers</i>	<b>NMHED Institutional Finance and DFA Operating Budget and Budget Adjustment Requests</b> <i>Doña Ana Room</i>
<b>6 P.M.</b>	<b>Reception</b>  <i>Villanueva Club and Patio at the Fulton Center</i>			

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1:30 to 2:45 P.M.	<b>NMHED Institutional Finance RPSP and Specials and Supplementals Process</b> <i>Ballroom 1</i>	<b>NMHED Capital Projects CPTSS and Monthly Capital Project Approvals</b> <i>Ballroom 2/3</i>	<b>Shawna Wolfe, UNM Planning with Purpose: Integrating Capital, Space, and Campus Strategy</b> <i>Doña Ana Room</i>	
3:00 P.M.	<b>Closing and Door Prizes</b>  <div style="text-align: right;"><i>Auditorium</i></div>			