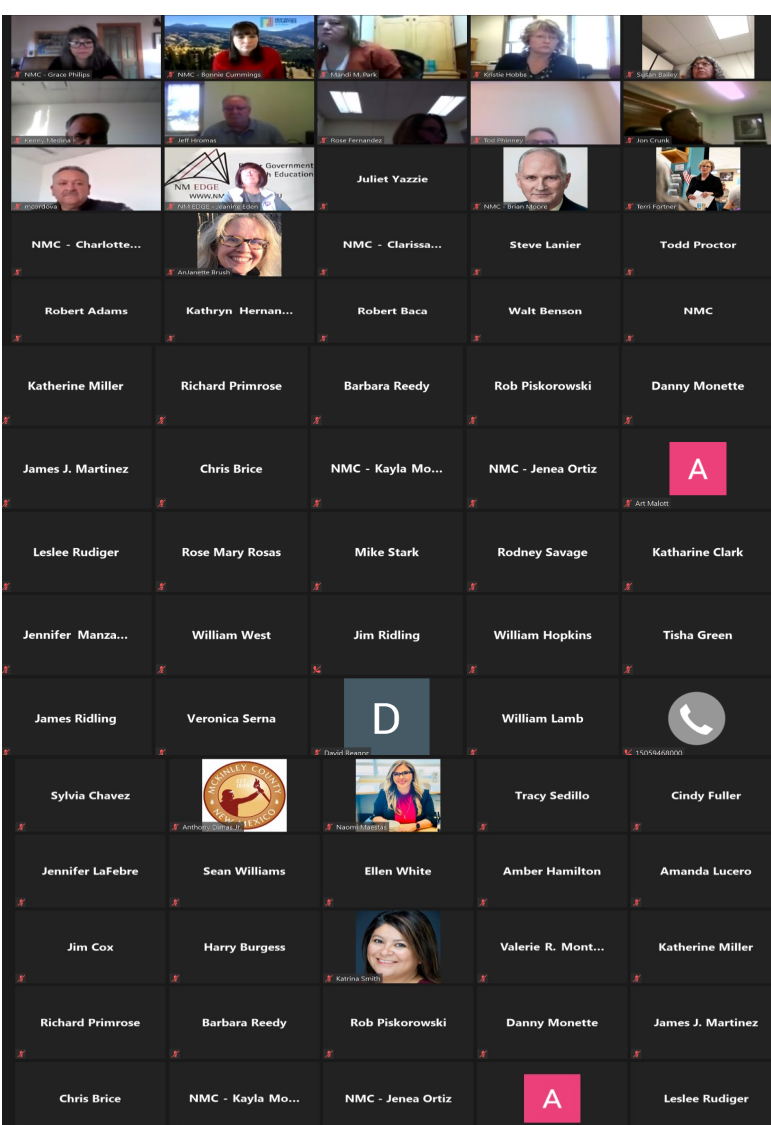




NMC President Otero County Assessor Steve Boyle kicks off the Better Informed Public Officials (BIPO) Conference for newly elected county officials, current officials, managers, and county staff.
[Photos on FB](#)



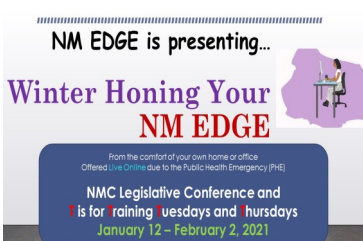
Link to NMC Meetings [Annual Calendar](#)
Link to NMC Loss Prevention Trainings [RSVP](#)

- Dec . 1,2,7,8 Virtual Better Informed Public Officials (BIPO) Training Dec. 1, 8 AM-Noon, Dec. 2, 8 AM-1 PM, Dec. 7, 8 AM-1 PM, Dec. 8, 8 AM-Noon
- Thur Dec 3 Virtual Advisory Council meeting 1 PM
- Wed Dec 9 & 10 Virtual NMCI Board meeting 8:30 AM-12:30 PM each day
- Mon Jan 18-20 Virtual NM EDGE classes
- Mon Jan 18-21 Virtual NMC Legislative Conference
- Tue Jan 19 Legislative 60-day Session opens Noon
- Tue Jan 19 Virtual NMCI Board meeting 9-11 AM
- Tue Jan 19 Virtual NMC Board of Directors meeting 2 PM
- Thu Jan 28 Executive Committee teleconference 11 AM
- Thu Feb 4 Executive Committee teleconference 11 AM
- Thu Feb 11 Executive Committee teleconference 11 AM
- Thu Feb 18 Bill introduction deadline
- Sat Feb 20 NMC Board of Directors meeting, 8:30 AM
- Sat Feb 20-24 NACo Legislative Conference DC TBD
- Thu Feb 25 Executive Committee teleconference 11 AM

BIPO continues Dec. 7 & 8. Attend the Media Panel session to learn what to say and when to stop talking and possibly win a prize.

**I thought it was off the record?
Do I get a do-over?**

Watch the BIPO Media Panel session
Monday, December 7, 2020 11:45 AM-1:00 PM
Attend and win a chance at one of several prize giveaways!



Click here to see the entire [Winter Roadmap](#) (schedule of classes)
NM EDGE classes begin January 12!

Webinar: Small Business CARES Relief Grants Program Dec. 3 @12:30 PM

Offers \$100 million in grant funding to New Mexico small businesses, created by the State of New Mexico in the November Special Session, and will be administered through NMFA. Applications open the week of December 7. [REGISTER](#)

Webinar: SBA Surety Bond Program December 10 from 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Contract Surety Bonds

What they are and why they are required
Your potential bonding capacity
Ways to maximize your surety credit

SBA's Surety Bond Guarantee Program

Contract bond guarantees up to \$10 million
The SBA advantage
How to get started [Register HERE](#)

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Outdoor Economy Contributed \$2.4B to 2019 NM GDP

- 35,065 people were employed in this sector, with \$1.2 billion in total income
- New Mexico's outdoor recreation economy is growing faster than the country's outdoor recreation economy at 5.9% since 2018 (compared to a 3.7% growth for the U.S.)
- Employment in this sector is also expanding much faster in New Mexico than in the country as a whole
- Since 2018, the number of outdoor recreation jobs in New Mexico has grown by 5.3% vs an increase of 0.4% for the U.S.
- Since 2018, outdoor recreation income has grown 7.6% in New Mexico, compared with an increase of 3.9% for the U.S.



Tune in to GMCR.org on Thurs. Dec. 10 @8:30AM-9AM to stream Steve Kopelman & Marquita Russel re: small business loans and @9AM-9:30AM w/ Steve & Brian Moore re: legislative stuff with Raul Turrieta.

The Rural Relief Small Business Grants

Small business owners in rural communities with a population of 50,000 or less affected by COVID-19, especially those in underserved communities, including entrepreneurs of color and women- and veteran-owned businesses that often lack access to flexible, affordable capital. Deadlines: December 6, 2020, January 5 and February 2, 2021. [Read more Here.](#) ~EDD

NEW! Restoration and Resilience COVID Recovery Fund—EDD

Grants to support public lands, including parks, nature areas, and other green spaces, that have been impacted by increased use during the COVID-19 pandemic. Grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded. Deadlines: December 1, 2020, and February 1, April 1, and June 1, 2021. [Learn more Here](#)

[U.S. Treasury issues new guidance on Coronavirus Relief Fund reporting requirements](#) New information on the appeals process for CRF recipients that have been notified that OIG will recoup CRF dollars. Clarification on the CRF auditing process and reporting.
[NEW GUIDANCE HERE](#)