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IN NEW MEXICO

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AGENDA

7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Monday, October 16

Hotel Albuquerque • 800 Rio Grande NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87104

# AGENDA

## REGISTRATION & NETWORKING

**7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

**Registration & Networking**

**Location:** Alvarado Ballrooms Welcoming Area

## WELCOME

**8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.**

**Welcome Remarks; Speaker of the House Javier Martinez**

**Location:** Alvarado Ballrooms

## DEPLOYMENT

**8:40 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

**Electric Vehicle Deployment: Where We Are Now and Where We Are Heading**

**Location:** Alvarado Ballrooms

**Presenter:** Cabinet Secretary Ricky Serna, New Mexico Department of Transportation

EV adoption and infrastructure investment is expected to increase dramatically over the next decade. Public-sector investments through the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program, state appropriations, and discretionary federal funds will be leveraged to accelerate an electrified transportation system that is convenient, reliable, affordable, accessible, and equitable. This session will share insights on EV and electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) deployment in New Mexico with funds that have already been provided and will discuss where New Mexico is headed with potential funding in the future.

## POSSIBILITIES

**9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**National Best Practices & Possibilities**

**Location:** Alvarado Ballrooms

**Presenter:** Alex Schroeder, Chief Technology Officer of Joint Office of Energy and Transportation

**Presenter:** Cindy Vigue, New Mexico Administrator of Federal Highway Administration

The Joint Office of Energy and Transportation (Joint Office) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) supports states with the deployment of zero-emission, convenient, accessible, and equitable transportation infrastructure. The Joint Office was created through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and facilitates collaboration between the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). This panel will discuss how our federal partners have provided support and expertise to a multitude of stakeholders and programs that seek to deploy a network of Electric vehicle (EV) chargers.

## PREPARATION

**9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**

**Preparing the Grid for Electric Vehicles: Challenges, Solutions, and Resources for Communities**

**Location:** Alvarado Ballrooms

**Moderator:** John Williamson (Program Manager Transportation Electrification, PNM)

**Panelists:** Luis Reyes (CEO, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative), Pat Vincent-Collawn (Chairman & CEO, PNM), Kelly Tomblin (President & CEO, El Paso Electric), Soraya Kim Larkin (Division President, H2 Power)

During a time when the electric industry is rapidly pursuing decarbonization and renewable energy technologies, automakers around the globe are transitioning toward electric vehicles, which are a critical component of New Mexico's strategy to improve air quality and combat climate change. This panel seeks to understand how the energy industry is preparing for the shift to electric vehicles, what challenges and opportunities are expected, and how your community can position itself for an electrified transportation future.

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## BREAK

### **10:15 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.**

#### **Morning Break**

**Location:** Alvarado Ballrooms Welcoming Area & Hotel Albuquerque Parking Lot

## COMMUNITIES

### **10:35 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.**

#### **Communities Take Charge: City-County-State Coordination on EV Chargers**

**Location:** Alvarado Ballrooms

**Moderator:** AJ Forte, New Mexico Municipal League

**Panelists:** Ravi Bhasker (Mayor, City of Socorro), Andrew Gonzalez (Town Manager, Town of Taos)

In this panel, community leaders from around New Mexico will discuss coordination and preparation for bringing electric vehicle chargers to their community.

## PARTNERSHIPS

### **11:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

#### **EV Charger Partnerships & Adoption Strategy**

**Location:** Alvarado Ballrooms

**Moderator:** Peter Johns (Dealer Relations Manager, XCel Energy)

**Panelists:** Zach Brandt (General Manager, Capitol Ford), Marc Brandt (Capitol Ford), Dan Adams (Account Executive, ChargePoint, Inc.), Carlos Garcia (Executive Manager, Garcia Infiniti)

The transformative wave sweeping through the auto retail sector necessitates the creation and adoption of innovative solutions to scale up EV charging infrastructure efficiently and cost-effectively. This panel looks at the challenges auto dealerships face when adapting to the increasing demands of EV charging infrastructure and highlights actionable strategies to tackle these obstacles effectively.

## LUNCH

### **12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

#### **Lunch**

**Location:** Alvarado Ballrooms

**Presenter:** Honorable Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of New Mexico

## HOME CHARGING

### **1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**

#### **Charging at Home: EVSE Affordability, Availability, and Access**

**Location:** Alvarado Ballrooms

**Moderator:** Dr. AnnaLinden Weller (Policy Advisor, EMNRD)

**Panelists:** Lucy Gent Foma, AICP (Alternative Fuels Program Manager, EMNRD); John Williamson (Transportation Electrification Program Manager, PNM); Tammy Fiebelkorn (Albuquerque City Councilor -District 7; New Mexico Representative for Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEEP).

Easy and affordable access to home charging equipment is a vital part of supporting transportation electrification for New Mexicans – but home charging can be confusing, expensive, or just unavailable to some consumers who would otherwise choose an electric or plug-in hybrid vehicle. This panel explores state and federal supports for home charging, utility incentive plans for EVSE availability and affordable electric rates when charging a car, and the options for renters, people who live in multifamily buildings, and others for whom home charging might not be straightforward.

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## CHARGING FUTURE

**1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Workforce Solutions: Preparing a Workforce for an EV Charging Future**

**Location:** Alvarado Ballrooms

**Moderator:** Sarita Nair, Cabinet Secretary of New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions

**Panelists:** Alfonso Martinez (IBEW) and Bobby Getts (Director, NMJATC)

Electric vehicles (EVs) are the future of the automotive industry, and they are quickly becoming a major contributor to job creation and economic growth in New Mexico. The shift towards sustainable transportation has created a ripple effect, generating a wealth of new opportunities for workers as Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) certification will be needed for EV Infrastructure projects. In this panel, we will explore how EV adoption is driving job creation and creating opportunities in the field of electric careers and how workers can take advantage of apprenticeship and educational opportunities.

**2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.**

**Afternoon Break**

**Location:** Alvarado Ballrooms Welcoming Area & Hotel Albuquerque Parking Lot

**2:50 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.**

**Tribal Coordination**

**Location:** Alvarado Ballrooms

**Moderator:** James Mountain (Former Governor, San Ildefonso Pueblo)

**Panelists:** Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr. (State Senator District 22), Nathan Garcia (Governor, Pueblo of Santa Ana)

**3:35 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.**

**Legislative Pathway to Transportation Equity & Electrification**

**Location:** Alvarado Ballrooms

**Presenter:** Sydney Lienemann, Deputy Cabinet Secretary of New Mexico Environment Department

**Presenter:** Day Hochman-Vigil, New Mexico State Representative

This panel will outline the legislative pathway to transportation equity and electrification.

**4:10 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

**Executive Vision on EV Chargers**

**Location:** Alvarado Ballrooms

**Presenter:** Sarah Cottrell Propst, Cabinet Secretary of the Department of Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Development

**Presenter:** James Kenney, Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department

In this panel, New Mexico cabinet officials will outline the vision of the executive branch in relation to EV chargers.

**4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**

**Closing Remarks & General Assembly Comment Session**

**Location:** Alvarado Ballrooms

**Presenter:** Martin Chavez, Infrastructure Advisor for Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham

**5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Post-Conference Networking Reception**

**Location:** QBar-Hotel Albuquerque Old Town

## AFTERNOON BREAK

## TRIBAL COORDINATION

## PATHWAY

## VISION

## CLOSING REMARKS

## NETWORKING

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## **Dan Adams**

### **Account Executive, ChargePoint:**

Dan Adams currently serves as an Account Executive for the American Southwest for ChargePoint. With a BA in History, Dan has enjoyed connecting New Mexico's unique legacy with future EV charging technologies. To date, ChargePoint operates 70% of the level two EV charging market share nationwide and is excited to partner with the State of New Mexico in deploying 32 DC Fast stations in historic towns and cities. Dan has two children born in the American Southwest and is proud to be able to raise them in such a special place, splitting time between Oro Valley, AZ and Glorieta, NM.

## **Ravi Bhasker**

### **Mayor, City of Socorro**

Ravi Bhasker is a seasoned leader with 33 years of service as Mayor of Socorro, where he has transformed the city into a thriving community. With 46 years of experience in family medicine, he's been a trusted healthcare provider. Ravi, a forward-thinking entrepreneur, owns hotels and has been a pioneer in promoting electric vehicles, working with Tesla to install superchargers and offering destination chargers for a decade. His commitment to upgrading the city's electrical grid has been vital for Socorro's progress.

## **Zach Brandt**

### **Capitol Ford**

Zach Brandt is the General Manager at Capitol Ford with 20 years of Automotive Sales and Service Experience. Specializing in areas of Automotive Retail, Zach uses that experience as a 3rd generation running family business.

## **Marc Brandt**

### **Capitol Ford**

Marc Brandt is the President of Capitol Motor Company LLC, a family-owned enterprise founded in New Mexico in 1965. As the head of Capitol Motor Company, he oversees Capitol Ford, Santa Fe's premier Ford dealership, along with the Quick Lane Tire and Auto Service Center and CF Collision, a full-service auto body repair and paint shop. Marc's extensive automotive career spans over three decades, starting with an apprenticeship in auto parts, auto service, and auto retail at Capitol Ford, culminating in his current role as President of Capitol Motor Company since 1993.

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## **Martin Chavez**

### **Infrastructure Advisor, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham**

Chavez, the former mayor of Albuquerque who has also served as a state senator and Worker's Compensation Administration director, is an expert in technology and telecommunications infrastructure, sustainability and city planning. As mayor of Albuquerque, he initiated and oversaw the construction of the San Juan/Chama water project, among the largest public works projects in New Mexico history, which diverts water from the Rio Grande to the city. The project drastically improved aquifer conditions and prevented a water shortage in Albuquerque. As executive director of the International Council on Local Environmental Initiatives USA, Chavez oversaw seven field offices dedicated to sustainability and addressing climate change with local governments across the country. Chavez is a member of the National Board of American Rivers and a past member of Board of Directors of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. Born and raised in Albuquerque, Chavez is a graduate of the University of New Mexico and the Georgetown University Law Center.

## **Sarah Cottrell Propst**

### **Cabinet Secretary, EMNRD**

Sarah Cottrell Propst was appointed by New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham to serve as the Cabinet Secretary of the Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) in January 2019. EMNRD's divisions include Energy Conservation & Management, Forestry, Mining & Minerals, Oil Conservation, and State Parks. From 2012 to 2018, she served as the Executive Director of the Interwest Energy Alliance, a non-profit trade association that represents the nation's leading companies in the renewable energy industry, bringing them together with non-governmental organizations in the West (Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming). She is the founder of Propst Consulting LLC, specializing in energy and environmental policy. She was Deputy Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department after serving as Energy and Environmental Policy Advisor to New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson. She earned a Master of Public Affairs from Princeton University's Princeton School of Public & International Affairs, with a concentration in Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy. She worked as Research Fellow for the Pew Center on Global Climate Change in Arlington, VA and graduated magna cum laude from Davidson College with Honors in Political Science.

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## **Tammy Fiebelkorn**

### **Albuquerque City Councilor -District 7; New Mexico Representative for Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEET)**

Tammy Fiebelkorn is the New Mexico Representative for the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEET) and serves as District 7 City Councilor for the City of Albuquerque. In her role for SWEET, she works to reduce energy-burden and transportation-burden for low-income New Mexicans, pass policies that fight climate change, and bring the benefits of a clean energy economy to New Mexicans. She has served as an expert for clients on energy efficiency program filings with state regulators. She has taught classes on energy conservation codes and policies and served on the New Mexico Code Change Committee. She has lobbied extensively for more energy efficiency at the New Mexico State Legislature. Additionally, she developed extensive education and outreach materials on energy efficiency and environmental policies. Tammy was the recipient of the 2020 Climate Conservation Award from Climate Change Leadership Institute. Tammy has a BA in Economics from Louisiana State University and a MS in Natural Resource Economics from Colorado State University. She serves on the board of Land of Enchantment Clean Cities, Sprouting Compassion and Positive Links and is a steering committee member for Coalition for Clean Affordable Energy. She lives with her partner Paul and their furry and feathered kids – Frida (18-year-old mutt), Frijolito (43-year-old mutt), Cinderella (20-year-old mutt), and Mr. T (71-year-old parrot).

## **AJ Forte**

### **Executive Director, New Mexico Municipal League**

AJ Forte has worked in public service in New Mexico since 2001. Forte currently serves as the Executive Director for the New Mexico Municipal League, a nonprofit organization that represents the interests of the state's 106 cities, towns, and villages. Forte is responsible for the overall operation of the League, including oversight of legislative policy development, implementation, political strategies, and financial management. Before joining the League, Forte served in various executive and legislative branch roles, including as the State Budget Director, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration, and Risk Manager for the State of New Mexico.

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## **Carlos Garcia**

### **Executive Manager, Garcia Infiniti**

Carlos Garcia is the executive manager of Garcia Infiniti, a retail automotive dealership in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was formerly a Commercial Analyst at General Motors Acceptance Corp. specializing in dealer acquisitions. Carlos graduated with a BBA from Southern Methodist University in 2000 and is also a graduate of Albuquerque Academy. Spending time with clients to find exactly what best suits their needs is most rewarding to Carlos. He continues his family legacy of community leadership and serves on boards for The Museum of New Mexico Foundation, Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation, Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, West Central Community Development and is active in supporting numerous other civic groups. In addition to fly fishing, Carlos enjoys collecting vintage automobile memorabilia.

## **Lucy Gent Foma, AICP**

### **Alternative Fuels Program Manager, EMNRD**

Lucy is the Alternative Fuels Program Manager in the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department. This position works across agencies to plan and promote the use and adoption of alternative fuel infrastructure and vehicles. Lucy formerly worked as the Transportation Research Scholar at Bandelier National Monument and as a Planner at Santa Fe County. Born and raised in Santa Fe, Lucy received her BA from Smith College and her Masters of Regional Planning from Cornell University. Among her awards, Lucy was a Fulbright Fellow and Rotary Scholar in Senegal, and the New Mexico APA Planner of the Year in 2019.

## **Bobby Getts**

### **Director, NMJATC**

I moved here to Albuquerque from Colorado in 2005. My wife is from here which is what brought me here and she has been working at Sandia Labs for 24 years now. I started our electrical apprenticeship program when I moved here and finished in 2011 and then continued to work as a Journeyman. I have always had a passion for helping people and learning things. I started a tutor program here at the JATC when I was a 5th year apprentice to help the students who are struggling with school work or math. I won the outstanding apprentice of the year in 2011 and got a free trip to Houston for the District 7 yearly competition. I continued to tutor for years as well as filling in for instructors when they take time off. I helped with our CW/CE program as well and anything I could do to help people obtain their EE98J electrical license and continued to be involved in apprenticeship. In 2019 I was hired on full time as the assistant director. I trained into the directors position for almost two years and took over as training director in August of 2020 when my boss retired. We are constantly trying to improve our training, adding more hands on training and just keeping up and adapting to constant changing technology. Currently we have 330 apprentices and are in need of more with all the work, not just here but nationwide. We are currently raising our two grandchildren Ezekiel (6 years old) and Zayden (2 years old). I enjoy the outdoors, swimming, darts, traveling and football. I currently coach Ezekiel's pee wee flag football team and Zayden can start when he turns three.



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## **Day Hochman Vigil**

### **Representative, New Mexico House of Representatives**

Dayan “Day” Hochman-Vigil has served as the New Mexico State Representative for House District 15 since 2019. She earned a Bachelor’s degree from Colorado College, and before attending law school at the University of New Mexico, worked as a Public Interest Fellow at the ACLU in Denver. After law school, Day continued to serve her community as an American Bar Association Young Lawyers’ Division National Scholar and was named the youngest serving President of the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Women’s Bar Association in 2013. She holds a Master of Laws degree in Aviation & Space Law from McGill University in Montréal, Canada. Day worked at the federal level in Washington D.C. before returning to New Mexico in 2017. She started her own law practice in 2019, DHV Law, LLC, a firm focusing on aviation and space regulatory law and litigation. Since being elected in 2018, Day has been a leader on access to mental and behavioral health services and criminal justice reform, including court reform, protections of the confidentiality of crime victims, and increased funding for sexual assault survivor services. Day has also fought for legislation to increase transparency in government spending and political lobbying, as well as to fund more career-technical programs in public schools. In 2023, Day was appointed as Chair of the House Transportation, Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee, through which she plans to concentrate her efforts on decarbonization of transportation methods as well as establishing future generational funding for major infrastructure maintenance and improvement projects throughout the state.

## **Peter Johns**

### **Dealership Relations Manager, Xcel Energy**

Peter Johns is the Dealership Relations Manager for Xcel Energy. Xcel Energy operates in 8 states with millions of electric and gas customers. In 2021 Xcel Energy launched an industry leading EV Dealership Network that now operates in 4 states with 87 member dealerships. He is a prior Alfa Romeo Fiat and Volkswagen dealership sales manager and much of his career has been in the live event and broadcast industry before joining the auto industry in 2016. Married to Melissa for 28 years and two boys, R and Johnnie, and lives on a 20 acre farm in Western Wisconsin. Personal interests include concert production, cars, motorcycling, sailing, skiing and 15 years as a leader in BSA Scouts. He is also a youth Hockey, Soccer and Alpine ski coach.

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## **Sydney Lienemann**

### **Deputy Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Environment Department**

Dr. Sydney Lienemann is the Deputy Cabinet Secretary for Administration at the New Mexico Environment Department where she leads teams overseeing regulatory programs which include air and water quality programs, solid and hazardous waste programs, OSHA, restaurant and food manufacturing programs, and protecting the environment for the next generation of New Mexicans. Lienemann began her career as an AmeriCorps VISTA member to support investments in climate infrastructure and clean energy in rural Alaska. Sydney later earned her Ph.D. in physics at University of Colorado Boulder and National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) studying metal nanoparticles. She spent the last decade working at the intersection of climate, energy, and environmental policy. She was the legislative assistant for climate and clean energy for U.S. Senator Mark Begich (AK), then led the Arctic energy diplomacy program at the U.S. Department of State. She served as Chief of Staff to Alaska State Senate Minority Leader Tom Begich and Climate Advisor to the City of Albuquerque. Most recently, Sydney was the Head of Programs at Camus Energy, a clean tech start-up working to help utilities use more clean energy. In her free time, she loves to hike, bike, ski, and camp across New Mexico with her family.

## **Soraya Kim Larkin**

### **Division President, H2 Power**

Soraya Kim Larkin is the Division President of H2 Power Co., LLC, a company launched to develop and offer innovative and mobile off-grid hydrogen power solutions to meet the demands of an emerging market. Soraya recently served as Chief of Staff for the Chief Technology Officer and Vice-President of Research and Advanced Engineering, where she led Ford's university research program, government-funded contracts, research and information services, budget and procurement, and operations in Michigan, Aachen, Palo Alto, Israel, and Atlanta. Previously, Soraya served as Chief Innovation Officer at American Center for Mobility (ACM), a public-private partnership focused on connected and autonomous vehicles.

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## **Honorable Michelle Lujan Grisham**

### **Governor, State of New Mexico**

As governor, Lujan Grisham has implemented a series of evidence-based policies aimed at transforming New Mexico's public education system, expanding the state's economy to include more high-quality employment opportunities and preserving New Mexico's air, land and water. In 2019, she oversaw one of the most productive legislative sessions in state history, signing a broad package of bipartisan bills into law, notably a historic investment in public education and a landmark transition to clean energy. A longtime state Cabinet secretary at both the New Mexico Department of Aging and Long-term Services and Department of Health, Lujan Grisham has been a leading advocate for senior citizens, veterans and the disabled as well as investments in health care infrastructure and innovative programming that has improved access and quality of care for New Mexicans across the state. She was elected to the U.S. Congress in 2011, serving three terms in Washington on behalf of New Mexico's 1st Congressional District. As a member of Congress, she worked aggressively to support local tribes, equal pay for women, public schools, public lands and veterans' health care; she also advocated strongly for saving and creating clean New Mexico jobs. As chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, she became a vocal, national leader in the battle against reactionary federal anti-immigrant policies. Driven by a deep compassion for seniors and those living with disabilities, and with experience as a caregiver herself, Lujan Grisham introduced and led the push for Care Corps, an innovative caregiving initiative that places volunteers in communities to provide non-medical services to seniors and individuals with disabilities. With this support, people can continue to live independently in their homes and communities. Lujan Grisham was born in Los Alamos and graduated from St. Michael's High School in Santa Fe before earning undergraduate and law degrees from the University of New Mexico. A 12th-generation New Mexican, she is the mother of two adult children and grandmother of three. In May of 2022 she married her long-time fiancé, Manuel Cordova.

## **James Kenney**

### **Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Environment Department**

Secretary Kenney was nominated by Governor Lujan Grisham and unanimously confirmed by the New Mexico Senate to lead the New Mexico Environment Department in January of 2019 and again in January 2023. The New Mexico Environment Department mission is to protect the public health and environment for New Mexicans. Through his leadership, Secretary Kenney instituted the core values of 1) science, 2) innovation, 3) collaboration and 4) compliance to guide the Department in executing its mission. As a member of the Governor's Cabinet, Secretary Kenney oversees a Department of about 550 employees across 27 offices with an annual agency budget of approximately \$125 million per year. Within the New Mexico Environment Department's portfolio are regulatory programs which include air and water quality programs, solid and hazardous waste programs, OSHA, restaurant and food manufacturing programs, cannabis and hemp edibles, and others. Secretary Kenney holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in environmental engineering from Temple University in Philadelphia.

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## **Javier Martinez**

### **Speaker of the House, New Mexico House of Representatives**

Javier Martínez is the New Mexico State Representative from District 11 and serves as the 31st Speaker of the NM House. Javier sits on the House Judiciary and House Taxation and Revenue Committees. Javier has been a tireless advocate for New Mexico's communities for more than two decades. Javier's career started in 2000 as a community organizer in Albuquerque's historic Barelás, Wells Park, and Sawmill neighborhoods. As an organizer, Javier developed a reputation for being highly effective as a consensus builder, a tough negotiator, and an advocate for working families. In 2010, Javier graduated from the UNM School of Law with honors in International and Comparative Law and the Southwest Indian Law Clinic. Since then, Javier has continued his dedicated advocacy on behalf of New Mexico's most vulnerable families at the local, state, and national levels. He has fought to ensure access to health care for all families, advocated for smart growth policies, pushed for permanent investments in early childhood education, and fought tirelessly to protect civil rights for all.

## **Alfonso Martinez**

### **IBEW**

My name is Alfonso Martinez Jr. I graduated from Espanola Valley High School in 1992. I started in the electrical industry in September of 1994 when I was accepted into the NJATC-IBEW LU 611. I finished my inside apprenticeship in June of 2000. I worked as a Journeyman Wireman until February of 2012. I then got accepted into the AJATC-SWLCAT in March of 2012 and finished my apprenticeship in May of 2015. I worked as a Journeyman Lineman until this last summer when I was elected as Business Manager/Financial Secretary of LU 611. Before being elected as Business Manager I was elected as President for a three-year term and as Vice President for a three-year term, of LU 611. In the past I have been a Foreman and General Foreman for the outside and inside. I have been the union Steward on both sides as well.

## **Sarita Nair**

### **Cabinet Secretary, Department of Workforce Solutions**

Sarita Nair currently serves as the Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions. Prior to her appointment at the Department, she served as Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Albuquerque, Chief Governmental Accountability Officer, and General Counsel of the Office of the State Auditor. She holds a law degree and masters of community and regional planning from the University of New Mexico.

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## **Luis Reyes, Jr.**

### **CEO, Kit Carson Electric Co-Op**

Mr. Luis A. Reyes Jr. is the CEO of Kit Carson Electric Coop, which provides electric, propane, and internet service to New Mexicans across Northern New Mexico. Under Luis's leadership, Kit Carson has pursued diversification strategies to create separate telecom, propane, and internet divisions, increased the Co-op's total plant investment to \$75.3M, and received the prestigious Utility of the Year Award from the Solar Electric Power Association (SEPA). Luis also serves as the Chairman and Director of National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative, and he serves on the boards of the Kit Carson Museum, the Taos Business Alliance, Citizens of Economic Diversity, and Leadership New Mexico.

## **Ricky Serna**

### **Cabinet Secretary, NM Department of Transportation**

Ricky Serna has worked in public education and state government for over a dozen years. He joined the Lujan Grisham administration in 2019 as the deputy secretary for the Department of Workforce Solutions. During the height of the pandemic, he provided co-oversight for the New Mexico Higher Education Department with a primary task to safely reopening public postsecondary institutions under approved COVID mitigation plans. For nearly two years before being appointed NMDOT Secretary, Serna simultaneously served as acting secretary for the Department of Workforce Solutions and the State Personnel Office. Prior to joining the Lujan Grisham administration, he served as the interim president at Luna Community College, where he successfully led an effort to overcome significant accreditation and governance challenges. He also served as the Vice President for Advancement at Northern New Mexico College and spent nearly five years with the New Mexico Higher Education Department, providing field oversight for a statewide project aimed at increasing student graduation rates within 21 school districts. Serna has served on the New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents, NM JTIP Board, the Las Vegas City Schools Board of Education, the New Mexico Educational Assistance Foundation, and as president of the Española Valley Chamber of Commerce Board. A first-generation college graduate from Española, NM, he earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in educational leadership, both from New Mexico Highlands University.

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## **Alex Schroeder**

### **Chief Technology Officer, Joint Office of Energy and Transportation**

Alex Schroeder is the chief technology officer for the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation. When the Joint Office was originally launched, he served as the interim executive director, aligning resources and expertise across the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). He is on assignment from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), where he leads a research group that focuses on electric vehicle charging, grid integration, and commercial vehicle decarbonization. He has served in a variety of leadership roles at NREL, ranging from transportation technology deployment to institutional planning and strategy. During that time, he helped conceptualize DOE's Energy Efficient Mobility Systems Program and aligned efforts between DOE and DOT to accelerate transportation systems research. He also served as a senior advisor on innovation to DOT and was part of the team that supported the initial designation of alternative fuel corridors. Prior to NREL, he spent nearly a decade in state government in the Colorado Governor's Energy Office and Western Governors' Association, where he led programs related to transportation fuels and clean energy. An engineer and pilot by training, he has spent his career supporting research, policies, and programs that push past traditional boundaries in pursuit of outcomes that transcend organizations and magnify benefits. He holds a master's degree in engineering and technology management from the Colorado School of Mines and a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

## **Kelly Tomblin**

### **President & CEO, El Paso Electric**

As President and CEO of El Paso Electric, Ms. Tomblin brings over 30 years' experience in the global energy industry, working throughout the U.S., Caribbean, United Kingdom, and Latin America. After three years into her tenure at EPE, Ms. Tomblin has led multiple key initiatives, including development of a strategic plan, smart metering, transportation electrification, and enhanced the renewable energy portfolio. Under Ms. Tomblin's leadership, EPE has created a plan that is committed to 80% carbon-free energy by 2035 and the pursuit of 100% decarbonization by 2045.

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## **Cindy Vigue**

### **New Mexico Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration**

Cindy Vigue has worked in the transportation industry for 28 years. Since July 2021, she has served as the New Mexico Division Administrator (DA) for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) where she provides overall guidance and direction in successfully implementing the \$500+M Federal-aid highway program. As the New Mexico DA, Cindy is responsible for ensuring that program delivery and stewardship activities are consistent with Federal-aid requirements and that Division priorities and resources are aligned with FHWA's Strategic Plan, Mission, and Values. Cindy has been instrumental in providing leadership and guidance to advance several initiatives such as public-private partnerships, GARVEE and TIFIA projects, innovation, and most recently, implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Cindy began her transportation career in 1995 with the Michigan Department of Transportation as a Bridge/Hydraulic Engineer. In 2001 she joined the FHWA Michigan Division as an Area Engineer. In 2004, she advanced to the Project Development and Environment Engineer in the California Division where she took on leadership roles of increasing responsibility, including Director of State Programs in 2008. Cindy most recently served as the Deputy Division Administrator (DDA) for the New Hampshire Division for 10 years. Cindy holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master of Business Administration.

## **Pat Vincent-Collawn**

### **Chairman & CEO, PNM**

Pat Vincent-Collawn is Chairman and CEO of PNM Resources, the parent company for utilities PNM in New Mexico and TNMP in Texas. Pat is active nationally as a key influencer and advocate for the energy industry, having served as the first female chair of the Edison Electric Institute (EEI), twice chairing the board for the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), and serving as Vice Chair of the World Energy Council representing North America. In 2019, PNM was the first investor-owned utility to set a goal to be carbon-free, calling for the utility to be carbon-free by 2040, the most aggressive commitment made by a utility, and she was recognized by Institutional Investor as the Best CEO among midcap electric utilities in 2021.

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## **Dr. AnnaLinden Weller**

### **Policy Advisor, EMNRD**

Dr. AnnaLinden Weller is the Policy Advisor for the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department, where she works on climate change mitigation, achieving a just energy transition, grid modernization, and legislative analysis. She is trained as an urban planner (M.C.P., University of Maryland) and a medieval historian (PhD, Rutgers University and MSt, Oxford). Under the pen name 'Arkady Martine', she writes science fiction and cultural criticism which focuses on border politics, climate change, risk communication, and the functions of narrative and rhetoric in social movements. Both books of her debut novel duology won the Hugo Award for Best Novel (2020, 2022). Dr. Weller grew up in New York City, and after some time in Turkey, Sweden, and Baltimore, now lives in Santa Fe with her wife.

## **John Williamson**

### **Transportation Electrification Program Manager, PNM**

John is responsible for implementing PNM's inaugural Transportation Electrification Program (TEP), which supports the deployment of EV chargers in PNM's service area through \$6.7M in infrastructure incentives, EV charging specific electric rates, and marketing, education, and outreach activities. PNM is currently seeking regulatory approval for \$37M in funding to support transportation electrification in PNM's service area between 2024 - 2026, which PNM forecasts will help position New Mexico in the top quartile of states as measured by the ratio of EV to EV chargers. The inaugural TEP, as well as future programs, are designed to ensure equitable access to EV charging equipment for PNM's customers.