

Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers (ACMF)

Location: University of Arizona at Tucson, BIO5 Institute (Thomas W. Keating Bioresearch Building)

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AGENDA

DAY ONE – Tuesday, March 28, 2023 (Mountain Standard Time) *

9:00am	DFO - Meeting Called to Order
9:05am	Committee Member Introductions
10:00am	ACMF Chair Welcome - Harvey Reed III
10:05am	Chair to Announce the USDA Secretary Welcome Address
10:10am	(Virtual) USDA Secretary Thomas J. Vilsack
10:15am	Ms. Kenya Nicholas - OPPE Deputy Director Welcome
10:20am	Dr. Marla Franco, Vice President Hispanic Serving Institutions – Initiatives University of Arizona
11:00am	Public Comment Period
12:00pm	Adjourn for Lunch
1:00pm	Keynote – Ms. Eloris Speight, Executive Director, Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Policy Research Center
1:45pm	Ms. Heather Dawn Thompson, Director, Office of Tribal Relations
2:30pm	Break
2:45pm	Mr. Brian Ellerman, Founding Executive Director FORGE, University Arizona
3:30pm	Public Comment Period
4:15pm	Break
4:30pm	Committee Comments or Deliberations
5:00pm	Adjourn

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DAY TWO – Wednesday, March 29 (Mountain Standard Time) *

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| 9:00am | DFO - Meeting Called to Order and Review Day 1 |
| 9:05am | Chairperson/Vice Chairperson – Welcome and Guest Introduction(s) |
| 9:10am | USDA Equity Commission, Dr. Dwayne Goldmon, Sr. Advisor on Racial Equity
Departmental Updates |
| 10:00am | University of Arizona <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Levi Esquerra, Sr. Vice President Native American Advancement and Tribal Engagement• Mr. Trent Teegerstrom, Sr. Associate Director Tribal Extension and Specialist and Resource Economics |
| 10:45pm | Break |
| 11:00am | Mr. Zach Ducheneaux, Administrator, Farm Service Agency, with
Mr. Marcus Graham; Ms. Conisha Hackett, et al. |
| 11:45am | Public Comment Period |
| 12:15pm | Adjourn for Lunch |
| 1:15pm | Mr. Astor Boozer, Regional Conservationist – West
Natural Resources Conservation Service |
| 2:00pm | Dr. Gbenga Ajilore, Sr. Advisor, Office of the Undersecretary, Rural Development |
| 2:45pm | Break |
| 3:00pm | Ms. Marcia Bunger, Administrator, Risk Management Agency |
| 3:45pm | Public Comment Period |
| 4:30pm | Committee Comments or Deliberations |
| 5:00pm | Adjourn |

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DAY THREE – Thursday, March 30 (Mountain Standard Time) *

9:00am	DFO - Meeting Called to Order
9:00am	Chairperson/Vice Chairperson –Review Day One, Introduction(s)
9:05am	Dr. Lisa Ramirez, Director – Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement
9:50am	Mr. Hubert Hamer, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service
10:35am	Break
10:45am	Ms. Monica Rainge, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
11:30am	Public Comment Period
12:00pm	Adjourn for Lunch
1:00pm	Mr. Gary Barrett, Director National Partnership Office, Forest Service
1:45pm	Mr. Vance Owens, National Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education, National Institute of Food & Agriculture
2:15pm	Break
2:30pm	Mr. Torey Powell, Agriculture Marketing Service
3:15pm	Mr. Joe Parsons, Director of Methodology, National Agricultural Statistics Service
3:45pm	Public Comment Period
4:30pm	Committee Discussion and Next Steps
5:00pm	Adjourn

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