

**USDA EQUITY COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING #3
September 21-22, 2022**

AGENDA

September 21, 2022: 9:00am – 6:00pm CT [Auditorium]
September 22, 2022: 9:00am – 3:30pm CT [Auditorium]
University of Arkansas Pine Bluff and Zoom for Government
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TIME	TOPICS
<p>Overview: This document outlines the agenda for the third public meeting of the Equity Commission.</p> <p>Meeting Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction of the newly appointed members of the Rural Community Economic Development Subcommittee and outline of goals and objectives of the subcommittee. 2. Inform commission members and the public of the status of historical recommendations addressing equity and civil rights as it stands today at USDA. 3. Provide an update across the Commission and Subcommittees on progress made across workgroups. 4. Deliberate on recommendations for inclusion in the Interim Report. 	
DAY 1	
8:45 a.m. (CT) <i>15 minutes</i>	Zoom Room Open - Time for participants to log on and test their technology
9:00 a.m. <i>10 minutes</i>	<p>Opening of Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call Meeting to Order – <i>Cecilia Hernandez (Designated Federal Officer)</i> – 1 min - Opening Remarks – <i>Deputy Secretary Jewel Bronaugh (Co-Chair), Arturo Rodriguez (Co-Chair)</i> – 10 mins
9:10 a.m. <i>20 minutes</i>	<p>Welcome from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening Remarks – <i>University Chancellor Dr. Laurence B. Alexander and Interim Dean of Agriculture Dr. Bruce McGowan</i>
9:30 a.m.	<p>Goals for our time together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outline the charge for Day 1 and Day 2 -- <i>Cecilia Hernandez (Designated Federal Officer)</i> – 10 mins
9:40 a.m. <i>50 minutes</i>	<p>Rural Community Economic Development Subcommittee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purpose and goals of the RCED Subcommittee-- <i>Deputy Secretary Jewel Bronaugh (Co-Chair)</i> - Introductions of RCED members -- <i>Cecilia Hernandez (Designated Federal Officer)</i>
10:30 a.m. <i>10 minutes</i>	Administrative Break
10:40 a.m. <i>80 minutes</i>	<p>Status and Discussion of Historical Recommendations – <i>Dr. Dewayne Goldmon (USDA Senior Advisor for Racial Equity, USDA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the current status of recommendations from previous commissions, committees, oversight and reporting bodies and the status of those recommendations to date. - Q&A with Equity Commission

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12:00 p.m. 60 minutes	Break for Lunch
1:00 p.m. 15 minutes	Summer Workgroup Progress <i>Cecilia Hernandez, Designated Federal Officer</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss the progress made towards the refinement of the proposed recommendations within the workgroup’s purview. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Access o Service o Department-wide o Farmworker
1:15 p.m. 60 minutes	Presentation from Access Workgroup – Cecilia Hernandez, Designated Federal Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members present proposed recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>What is the Problem?</i> o <i>What is the Solution?</i> o <i>How does it address equity?</i> o <i>How is it a systemic change?</i>
2:15 p.m. 15 minutes	Administrative Break
2:30 p.m. 120 minutes	Presentation from Department-wide Workgroup - Led by Cecilia Hernandez, Designated Federal Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members present proposed recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>What is the Problem?</i> o <i>What is the Solution?</i> o <i>How does it address equity?</i> o <i>How is it a systemic change?</i>
4:30 p.m. 5 minutes	Day 1 Recap / Day 2 Plan and Adjourn - Cecilia Hernandez, Designated Federal Officer
4:45 75 minutes	UAPB Agriculture Programs Showcase - Led by Chancellor Alexander and selected students

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DAY 2	
8:45 a.m. <i>15 minutes</i>	Zoom Room Open - Time for participants to log on and test their technology
9:00 a.m. <i>10 minutes</i>	Opening of Meeting and Agenda - Call Meeting to Order – <i>Cecilia Hernandez, Designated Federal Officer</i> – 2 mins
9:10 am <i>20 minutes</i>	Oral Comments from Public – <i>Facilitated by Lionel Savage</i>
9:30 a.m. <i>30 minutes</i>	Presentation from Farmworkers Workgroup - Members present proposed recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>What is the Problem?</i> ○ <i>What is the Solution?</i> ○ <i>How does it address equity?</i> ○ <i>How is it a systemic change?</i>
10:00 am <i>30 minutes</i>	Presentation from Nutrition Workgroup - Members present proposed recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>What is the Problem?</i> ○ <i>What is the Solution?</i> ○ <i>How does it address equity?</i> ○ <i>How is it a systemic change?</i>
10:30 a.m. <i>15 minutes</i>	Administrative Break
10:45 a.m. <i>45 minutes</i>	Presentation from Service Workgroup - Members present proposed recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>What is the Problem?</i> ○ <i>What is the Solution?</i> ○ <i>How does it address equity?</i> ○ <i>How is it a systemic change?</i>
11:30 a.m. <i>60 minutes</i>	Break for lunch
12:30 p.m. <i>150 minutes</i>	Deliberate on Interim Report Recommendations
3:00 p.m. <i>5 minutes</i>	Administrative Break
3:05 <i>25 minutes</i>	Vote on Interim Report Recommendations - Yay or nay vote
3:30 p.m.	Adjourn – <i>Cecilia Hernandez, Designated Federal Officer</i>
+ 60 minutes	<i>Additional time if needed to continue deliberation and votes</i>