

USDA EQUITY COMMISSION

MAY 10-11, 2022

AGENDA

May 10, 2022: 10:00am – 4:30pm ET

May 11, 2022: 10:00am – 2:45pm ET

USDA Whitten Building and Zoom for Government

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TIME	TOPICS
DAY 1	
10:00 a.m.	Opening of Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Call Meeting to Order – <i>Cecilia Hernandez, Designated Federal Officer (DFO)</i>- Equity Commission Updates – <i>Deputy Secretary Dr. Jewel Bronaugh (Co-Chair)</i>
10:15 a.m.	USDA Leadership Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Equity and Historical Perspectives – <i>USDA General Counsel Janie Hipp</i>
10:40 a.m.	Overview of Legal Cases <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Keepseagle, Pigford, Garcia, Love – <i>USDA Senior Counsel Rick Gibson (virtual)</i>
11:10 a.m. <i>10 minutes</i>	Administrative Break
11:20 a.m.	Current Status of Equity Efforts – Part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- USDA leadership to present on how the Department is currently addressing equity. <i>Dr. Dewayne Goldmon, USDA Senior Advisor for Racial Equity, Claudette Fernandez, USDA Director of Program Equity and Opportunity Strategy and Leslie Weldon, Chief Diversity, and Inclusion Officer (virtual)</i>
12:30 p.m. <i>45 minutes</i>	Administrative Break
1:15 p.m.	Public Oral Comment
1:45 p.m.	Agriculture Subcommittee Report Out <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Work Group Updates—Access, Performance and Service
2:45 <i>15 minutes</i>	Administrative Break
3:00 p.m.	Current Status of Equity Efforts – Part 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- USDA leadership to present on how the Department is currently addressing equity. <i>Under Secretary Robert Bonnie, Deputy Under Secretary Gloria Montaño Greene, Farm Service Agency Administrator Zach Ducheneaux and USDA Office of Tribal Relations Director Heather Dawn Thompson (virtual)</i>
4:30 p.m.	Day 1 Recap / Day 2 Plan and Adjourn - DFO Hernandez

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DAY 2	
10:00 a.m.	Opening of Meeting and Agenda - Call Meeting to Order – <i>DFO Hernandez</i>
10:05 a.m.	Member Perspectives - <i>Sarah Vogel</i> - <i>Erica Lomeli Corcoran</i> - <i>Dr. Hazell Reed</i>
11:00 a.m. <i>10 minutes</i>	Administrative Break
11:15 a.m.	Member Discussion – Facilitated by Co-Chair Bronaugh and DFO Hernandez - Reactions to Day 1 - Brainstorming session
12:15 p.m. <i>45 minutes</i>	Administrative Break
1:00 p.m.	Agriculture Subcommittee Membership (Equity Commission Liaisons) – Facilitated by Co-Chair Rodriguez and DFO Hernandez - Members Rainey, Sherrod, Stanger-McLaughlin - Equity Commission members to vote on Agriculture Subcommittee liaisons
1:30 p.m.	Proposed Path Forward - Facilitated by Co-Chair Rodriguez and DFO Hernandez - Discussion on Options for Methodology - Shared Vision - Interim Report – Plan for Delivery
2:30 p.m.	Recap and Next Steps – Co-Chairs Bronaugh and Rodriguez and DFO Hernandez
2:45 p.m.	Adjourn – DFO Hernandez