



NM American Planning Association Conference Planning Commissioner Training Sessions

Planning commissioners are the key decision makers in local and regional development processes and are critical players in building and maintaining thriving communities throughout New Mexico. Professional planners must be able to communicate, advise, advocate, and collaborate effectively with planning commissioners to achieve sustainable, equitable, and resilient processes and outcomes in our communities. This training focuses on developing skill sets to most effectively work together towards ethical, legal land use, planning, development and zoning decisions, at every stage of development review processes and procedures.

This year's planning commissioner training will consist of three consecutive sessions on Friday October 28:

- A. **Planning Commissioner Training Session 1 - Planning Director/Manager Overview 8.30 am– 10.00 am**
 - Municipal, public planning directors & managers will have a quick roundtable discussion and recommendations for planning staff to make recommendations to commissioners and discuss lessons learned
 - i. John Valdez - **Moderator**
 - ii. Robert Griego – Planning Director Santa Fe County
 - iii. Lucas Tafoya – Planning Director Bernalillo County
 - iv. Mikaela Renz-Whitmore – Planning Manager City of Albuquerque
- B. **Planning Commissioner Training Session 2 – Municipal Leadership Overview 10.00am – 11.00 am**
 - Top Municipal leadership from City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County & Sandoval County will conduct a panel discussion on their work and current, relevant planning commission issues.
 - i. **Moderator**
 - ii. Lawrence Rael – CABQ CAO
 - iii. Julie Baca – Bernalillo County Manager
 - iv. Wayne Johnson – Sandoval County Manager
- C. **Planning Commissioner Training Session 3 – Land Use Law Session**
 - A law session pertaining to the development review process and land use law in New Mexico municipalities
 - i. Nann Winter, Esq
 - ii. Matt Myers, Esq