



Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers Public Meeting

Agenda July 23 – 25, 2024

Tarrytown House Estate (Carriage House) 49 East Sunnyside Land, Tarrytown, NY

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DAY 1 – July 23, 2024

- 9:00 am R. Jeanese Cabrera, Designated Federal Officer ACMF Call to Order
- 9:05 am Chair Kimberly Ratcliff, Chair Advisory Committee Minority Farmers
Introduction of Members (Name, State, Representative Role)
- 9:15 am Honorable Kathy Hochul, NY State Governor – *Virtual* Welcome To New York!
- 9:25 am Deputy Director Kenya Nicholas, Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement
- 9:27 am Chair Kimberly Ratcliff – Presiding Remarks and Introductions
- 9:30 am Commissioner Kristin N. Johnson, Key Trends in Commodity Markets & Agriculture
- 10:15 am USDA Equity Commission Co-Chairpersons
- Arturo S. Rodriguez, President Emeritus United Farm Workers
 - Ertharin Cousin, CEO and Director Food Systems for the Future
- 10:45 am Dr. Penny Brown-Reynolds, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
- 11:30 am Public Comments
- 12:00 pm Adjourn
- 12:30 pm Chester, NY – Bronx, NY (Farm Visits)



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DAY 2 – July 24, 2024

9:00 am R. Jeanese Cabrera, DFO Call to Order with Chair Kimberly Ratcliff

9:15 am Dewayne Goldmon, USDA Office of the Secretary Senior Advisor Racial Equity

10:00 am Josiah Griffin, Policy Advisor USDA Office Tribal Relations

10:45 am Bryan Combs, Chief Environmental, Economics, & Demographics Branch
USDA National Agricultural Statistics Services

11:30 am Public Comments

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Danielle G. Lake, Deputy Regional Director, National Appeals Division

1:45 pm Zach Ducheneaux, Administrator USDA Farm Services Agency

2:30 pm Lamont Jackson, Deputy Director USDA Forest Services Justice 40
Lynn Knight, Program Lead USDA Climate Hub

3:30 pm Eloris Speight, Director Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Policy
Research Center, Office of the President, Alcorn State University

4:15 pm Public comments

5:00 pm Adjourn



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DAY 3 – July 25, 2024

- 9:00 am R. Jeanese Cabrera, DFO Call to Order with Chair Kimberly Ratcliff.
- 9:15 am Brian V. Guse, Director Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production: A Discussion
- 10:00 am Melissa Bailey, Associate Administrator Agricultural Marketing Service
Elizabeth Lober, Assistant to Deputy Administrator for Commodity Procurement
- 10:45 am Ronald L. Rainey, Assistant Vice President, Professor, Center Director
University of Arkansas System, Division of Agriculture
- 11:30 am Public Comments
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Commissioner Richard Ball and Assistant Commissioner Damali Wynter, New York
State Department of Agriculture and Markets – Roundtable Discussion
- 1:45 pm 1890 Land Grant Institutions and Hispanic Servicing Institutions
OPPE 1890 and HSI Liaisons: Allison Johnson and Herminia Gomez
- 2:15 pm Break
- 2:30 pm Lorette Picciano, Executive Director; John Zippert Chair
Rural Coalition: *Roundup from the Field - Up*
- 3:30 pm Kathy Glower, Deputy Administrator, Rural Development
RD Rural Housing Programs
- 4:15 pm Public Comments (Committee Members Closing Remarks)
- 5:00 pm Adjournment