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NMPRC Commissioners Graduate with NM EDGE Certification

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission (NMPRC) today announced that all three commissioners have completed the requirements for graduation from the New Mexico Certified Advocate in Public Ethics (CAPE) program offered through NM EDGE (Education Designed to Generate Excellence in the Public Sector). The commissioners were recognized for this achievement at a graduation ceremony held during the New Mexico Counties Legislative Conference Awards luncheon at the Santa Fe Community Convention Center.

CAPE certification comprises of ethics classes that reflect goals from a collaboration of strategic partners from across the public sector that share a vision for advancing ethics awareness and promoting ethical behavior. The program is designed to provide New Mexico public officials with a comprehensive course study in public service ethics, including matters relating to state law, decision-making, public-private partnerships, stewardship, conflict of interest, and appearances versus reality.

This is the first class of NMPRC commissioners to complete such a comprehensive ethics training course, as a new constitutional mandate that went into effect last year requires commissioners to take ethics certification courses within 12 months of taking office. While holding office, commissioners are also required to complete at least one two-hour ethics course in each subsequent 12-month period.

The NM EDGE program is a service of New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service. For more information about NM EDGE and the NM CAPE program, click [here](#).

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From left to right, Commissioners James Ellison, Gabriel Aguilera, and Pat O'Connell.

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