

**2024 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
TOBACCO SETTLEMENT REVENUE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

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Approved Work Plan

The Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee (TSROC) was established pursuant to Section 2-19-1 NMSA 1978. The TSROC is tasked with monitoring the use of tobacco settlement revenue, reviewing evaluations of programs receiving funding from tobacco settlement revenues and making recommendations for the program funding and for changes in legislation regarding the use of the tobacco settlement revenue.

In addition to its statutory duties, and as time permits, during the 2024 interim, the TSROC will:

- A. discuss outlawing smoking in racinos;
- B. hear testimony on vaping issues, including:
 - 1. how vaping is being handled in other states;
 - 2. who is accountable for enforcement within school districts based on New Mexico laws; and
 - 3. what is the public campaign to inform about vaping;
- C. discuss allowing for the imposition of administrative penalties on the employees of licensees for certain violations of the Tobacco Products Act;
- D. discuss local preemption;
- E. work with the Department of Health to review the Nicotine Use Prevention and Control Program, including:
 - 1. the program's budget;
 - 2. the program's contracts, subcontracts and accountability;

3. how funding is being used and how to meet expectations with funding gaps; and
 4. the program's staffing and vacancies;
- F. explore the creation of a board with members from the Public Education Department, Higher Education Department, Regulation and Licensing Department and state Department of Justice to work on accountability of tobacco-related laws and funding;
 - G. discuss how the committee can assist and support the state Department of Justice in receiving needed funding to continue tobacco litigation efforts;
 - H. revisit increasing taxes on nicotine products;
 - I. hear from the National Conference of State Legislatures, Empowerment and Tobacco Free Kids about effective prevention tactics among youth;
 - J. hear from the University of New Mexico about uses of the tobacco settlement funding disbursed to the university;
 - K. prepare recommendations to the Legislative Finance Committee for program funding levels for fiscal year 2026 based on the committee's program evaluation process; and
 - L. make findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, available to the legislature as part of the TSROC's final report.

**Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee
2024 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 10	Santa Fe
August 22	Albuquerque
September 17	Mescalero
October 16	Las Cruces
November TBD	Santa Fe