

**MINUTES  
of the  
SECOND MEETING  
of the  
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**July 29-30, 2024  
Early College Opportunities High School  
2301 West Zia Road  
Santa Fe**

The second meeting of the Science, Technology and Telecommunications Committee was called to order by Representative Debra M. Sariñana, chair, on July 29, 2024 at 10:06 a.m. at the Early College Opportunities (ECO) High School in Santa Fe.

**Present**

Rep. Debra M. Sariñana, Chair  
Rep. Janelle Anyanonu (7/29)  
Sen. William F. Burt (7/29)  
Rep. Joy Garratt  
Rep. Charlotte Little  
Sen. Harold Pope  
Sen. William P. Soules

**Absent**

Sen. Siah Correa Hemphill, Vice Chair  
Sen. Craig W. Brandt  
Rep. Jason C. Harper  
Rep. Joshua N. Hernandez  
Sen. Michael Padilla

**Advisory Members**

Rep. Gail Chasey (7/29)  
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto (7/29)  
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez (7/29)  
Rep. Linda Serrato (7/29)

Rep. Christine Chandler  
Rep. Yanira Gurrola  
Rep. Jenifer Jones  
Rep. Willie D. Madrid  
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill  
Rep. Larry R. Scott

(Attendance dates are noted for members not present for the entire meeting.)

**Staff**

Mark Edwards, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)  
Sabina Gaynor, Staff Attorney, LCS  
Ralph Vincent, Systems Consultant, LCS

**Guests**

The guest list is in the meeting file.

**Handouts**

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

## **References to Webcast**

The time reference noted next to each agenda item in this document is cross-referenced to the webcast of the committee meeting, which can be found at [www.nmlegis.gov](http://www.nmlegis.gov), under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and committee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

## **Monday, July 29**

### **Welcome and Introductions (10:06 a.m.)**

Representative Sariñana welcomed the committee, and the members of the committee and staff introduced themselves.

### **Welcome and Santa Fe Public Schools Overview and Initiatives (10:11 a.m.)**

Hilario Chavez, superintendent, Santa Fe Public School District (SFPS), and Kristy Wagner, deputy superintendent, Operations and School Support, SFPS, welcomed the committee and provided an overview of the development of career technical education curricula within the SFPS. Neal Weaver, Ph.D., chief information and strategy officer, SFPS, then spoke about the development of effective education and training for students and staff regarding artificial intelligence (AI) within the SFPS. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=STTC&Date=7/29/2024&ItemNumber=1>.

### **Approval of Minutes (11:18 a.m.)**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, and without objection, the minutes of the May 1, 2024 meeting were approved.

### **Tour of ECO High School (11:19 a.m.)**

The committee recessed to take a tour of the ECO High School facilities and for lunch.

### **Transparency in Government Use of AI Software (12:57 p.m.)**

Cristopher Moore, Ph.D., professor, Santa Fe Institute, and member, Interdisciplinary, Multi-Institution Working Group on Algorithmic Justice, spoke about experiences that various governmental agencies around the country have had in using AI software programs to make decisions about policing and providing government services. He used those experiences to highlight the need for transparency when such software is being used to make decisions. Mr. Edwards outlined House Bill 184, which would require transparency for government use of AI software and was introduced in the 2024 legislative session. Alisa Lauer, chief of staff, House Majority Leadership Office, outlined a bill from the state of Colorado requiring transparency when using AI software for private sector, as well as governmental entities. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=STTC&Date=7/29/2024&ItemNumber=2>.

**New Mexico Impact Software Project Status Update (2:22 p.m.)**

Peter Street, technical advisor, Office of the Secretary, Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD), presented an update on the development of the New Mexico Impact software project that will be used as a platform for many of the CYFD's programs and organization. Emily Hilla, fiscal analyst, Legislative Finance Committee, also provided background on expenditures for the New Mexico Impact software project.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Executive Session (3:04 p.m.)**

The committee moved into an executive session regarding cybersecurity within state entities.

**Recess**

The committee recessed at 4:32 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 30**

**Reconvene**

The committee reconvened at 9:02 a.m. and continued in executive session.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.