



**MINUTES
of the
FOUR-HUNDRED-THIRTEENTH MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**June 26, 2023
Video Conference**

The four-hundred-thirteenth meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order by Senator Mimi Stewart, co-chair, at 1:36 p.m. on June 26, 2023 by video conference via an online platform.

Present

Rep. Javier Martínez, Co-Chair
Sen. Mimi Stewart, Co-Chair
Rep. Gail Armstrong
Sen. Gregory A. Baca
Sen. Craig W. Brandt
Rep. Gail Chasey
Sen. Katy M. Duhigg
Rep. T. Ryan Lane
Sen. Steven P. Neville
Rep. Greg Nibert
Sen. Michael Padilla
Rep. Andrea Romero
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.
Rep. Reena Szczepanski
Sen. Peter Wirth

Absent

Special Advisory Members Present

Sen. Pete Campos
Rep. Christine Chandler
Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary
Rep. Joy Garratt
Rep. Susan K. Herrera
Rep. Alan T. Martinez
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew
Rep. William "Bill" R. Rehm
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson

Special Advisory Members Absent

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown
Rep. Doreen Y. Gallegos
Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil
Sen. Stuart Ingle
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Rep. Matthew McQueen
Rep. Nathan P. Small
Rep. Christine Trujillo

Staff

Raúl E. Burciaga, Director, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Amy Chavez-Romero, Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, LCS

Shawna Casebier, Assistant Director for Drafting Services, LCS
Anesa Serna-Espinoza, Assistant Director for Administration, LCS
Jeret Fleetwood, Project Coordinator, LCS
Erin Bond, Researcher, LCS
Nancy Martinez, Researcher, LCS
Sara Wiedmaier, Researcher, LCS

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made, seconded and approved, the council adopted the minutes of the May 1, 2023 and June 1, 2023 meetings of the council as submitted.

Mr. Burciaga also introduced the following new LCS staff members to the council: Ian Carillo, Cecilia Martinez, Andrea Vega, Paul Pacheco and Lynne Cantwell.

Interim Committee Work Plans and Budgets

Interim Committee work plans and budgets were presented by appropriate LCS staff members.

The work plan, meeting schedule (including a meeting outside the State Capitol after September 30) and a budget of \$33,779 for voting members and \$10,372 for advisory members for the Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee were approved as submitted.

The work plan, meeting schedule (including a meeting outside the State Capitol after September 30) and a budget of \$20,943 for voting members and \$28,127 for advisory members for the Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee were approved as submitted.

The work plan, meeting schedule (including a meeting outside the State Capitol after September 30) and a budget of \$92,469 for voting members and \$95,871 for advisory members for the Economic and Rural Development and Policy Committee were approved as submitted.

The work plan, meeting schedule and a budget of \$24,243 for voting members, \$13,896 for advisory members and \$2,000 for expert testimony for the Investments and Pensions Oversight Committee were approved as submitted.

The work plan, meeting schedule (including two meetings outside the State Capitol after September 30) and a budget of \$18,204 for voting members and \$15,226 for advisory members for the Mortgage Finance Authority Act Oversight Committee were approved as submitted.

The work plan, meeting schedule (including a meeting outside the State Capitol after September 30) and a budget of \$95,348 for voting members, \$71,430 for advisory members and \$10,000 for professional services for the Water and Natural Resources Committee were approved as submitted.

The work plan, meeting schedule and a budget of \$56,466 for voting members, \$34,704 for special advisory members and \$10,000 for professional services for the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee were approved as submitted.

The work plan, meeting schedule (including a meeting outside the State Capitol after September 30) and a budget of \$31,625 for voting members and \$27,690 for advisory members for the Land Grant Committee were approved as submitted.

The work plan, meeting schedule (including a meeting outside the State Capitol after September 30) and a budget of \$50,514 for voting members, \$46,955 for advisory members and \$6,000 for expert testimony for the Science, Technology and Telecommunications Committee were approved as submitted.

The work plan, meeting schedule and a budget of \$35,443 for voting members and \$8,336 for advisory members for the Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force were approved as submitted.

The work plan, meeting schedule (including a meeting outside the State Capitol after September 30) and a budget of \$69,198 for voting members and \$61,813 for advisory members for the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee were approved as submitted.

The work plan, meeting schedule (including two meetings outside the State Capitol after September 30) and a budget of \$81,553 for voting members and \$44,862 for advisory members for the Indian Affairs Committee were approved as submitted.

The work plan, meeting schedule (including two meetings outside the State Capitol after September 30) and a budget of \$49,265 for voting members, \$36,683 for advisory members and \$10,000 for expert testimony for the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee were approved as submitted.

The work plan, meeting schedule (including a meeting outside the State Capitol after September 30) and a budget of \$52,017 for voting members, \$144,174 for advisory members and \$5,000 for expert testimony for the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee were approved as submitted.

The work plan, meeting schedule (including a meeting outside the State Capitol after September 30) and a budget of \$67,558 for voting members and \$30,876 for advisory members for the New Mexico Finance Authority Oversight Committee were approved as submitted.

The work plan, meeting schedule (including a meeting outside the State Capitol after September 30) and a budget of \$13,486 for voting members, \$7,109 for advisory members and \$3,000 for expert testimony for the Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee were approved as submitted.

The work plan and a budget of \$6,761 for up to two meetings in Santa Fe for the Capitol Security Subcommittee were approved as submitted.

The work plan and a budget for of \$7,424 for a one-day meeting in Santa Fe for the Interim Legislative Ethics Committee to discuss laws and policies associated with the committee were approved as submitted. Other meetings may need to be funded as necessary.

In response to a question, Mr. Burciaga explained that inclusion of funds for expert testimony in interim committee budgets is a normal occurrence.

The president pro tempore noted that committee rooms in the State Capitol were undergoing audio and visual upgrades and would be largely unavailable for the next few months.

Appointments

Mr. Burciaga announced the following appointments and dates:

- the terms of all Legislative Council appointees to the Insurance Nominating Committee will expire on June 30, 2023;
 - the president pro tempore is nominating Katie Curry to fill the position held by Scott Yurcic;
 - the senate minority floor leader nominated Brian Alexander for reappointment;
 - the speaker of the house and house minority floor leader have not named appointments; and
 - terms are four years and are not subject to Senate confirmation;
- the term of Paul Laur to the New Mexico Bioscience Authority expired June 18, 2023, and the president pro tempore nominated him for reappointment for a four-year term;
- Sarah Boisvert has resigned from the New Mexico Bioscience Authority, a position traditionally nominated by the House; and
- New Mexico Bioscience Authority appointments are for four years and are subject to Senate confirmation.

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council confirmed the appointments and authorized the speaker and house majority floor leader to make necessary appointments to be announced at a later meeting.

Interim Approvals

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council authorized the use of the Capitol Kitchen Fund to purchase coffee and supplies for interim committee meetings in the State Capitol.

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council amended Legislative Council Policy Number 4 to authorize per diem and mileage reimbursement for members to attend up to three

in-state meetings per calendar year of a legislative or public policy organization of which New Mexico is not a dues-paying member.

Executive Session

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council resolved itself into executive session.

Upon returning to open session, on a motion made, seconded and passed, the council authorized the issuance of a request for proposals to study legislative district offices, with Representatives Armstrong, Lane and Nibert and Senators Baca and Brandt voting "no".

Staff Reports

Mr. Burciaga noted that an updated interim committee calendar would likely be posted on the legislative website by June 28, 2023. He requested that members respond to phone calls, texts and emails regarding attendance at interim committee meetings.

The council noted the passing of former State Senator Carroll H. Leavell.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.