

**MINUTES**  
**of the**  
**SIXTH MEETING**  
**of the**  
**COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**November 20, 2023**  
**State Capitol, Room 307**  
**Santa Fe**

**December 12, 2023**  
**State Capitol, Room 317**  
**Santa Fe**

The sixth meeting of the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee was called to order by Representative Christine Chandler, vice chair, on November 20, 2023 at 9:23 a.m. in Room 307 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

**Present**

Sen. Joseph Cervantes, Chair  
Rep. Christine Chandler, Vice Chair  
Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon  
Rep. Janelle Anyanonu (12/12)  
Sen. Gregory A. Baca (11/20)  
Rep. Gail Chasey  
Sen. Antonio Maestas  
Rep. Alan T. Martinez  
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill  
Rep. Andrea Reeb  
Rep. William "Bill" R. Rehm  
Rep. Andrea Romero (12/12)  
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez (11/20)

**Absent**

Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle  
Rep. Angelica Rubio

**Advisory Members**

Rep. John Block  
Rep. Cynthia Borrego  
Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena (12/12)  
Rep. Ambrose Castellano (11/20)  
Sen. Katy M. Duhigg  
Sen. Daniel A. Ivey-Soto  
Sen. Linda M. López  
Rep. Stefani Lord (11/20)  
Rep. Tara L. Lujan (11/20)  
Sen. Mimi Stewart (12/12)  
Rep. Reena Szczepanski (11/20)  
Sen. Peter Wirth

Rep. D. Wonda Johnson  
Rep. Willie D. Madrid

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

### **Staff**

Nancy Martinez, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)

Sean Dolan, Staff Attorney, LCS

Domenica Nieto, Assistant Librarian, LCS

Yessica Marquina, Intern, LCS

### **Minutes Approval**

Because the committee will not meet again this year, the minutes for this meeting have not been officially approved by the committee.

### **Guests**

The guest list is in the meeting file.

### **Handouts**

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and are 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, November 20 — State Capitol, Room 307**

### **County Detention Facilities and Legislative Priorities (9:28 a.m.)**

Grace Philips, general counsel, New Mexico Association of Counties, and Katherine Crociata, government relations, New Mexico Association of Counties, presented a review of the status of correctional facilities in New Mexico counties, rates of employment vacancies in the counties, insurance issues and legislative priorities for the upcoming session. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=11/20/2023&ItemNumber=1>.

### **Approval of Minutes (10:45 a.m.)**

The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the October 25-27, 2023 meeting.

### **Recess**

The meeting recessed at 10:59 a.m.

**Tuesday, December 12 — State Capitol, Room 317**

**Reconvene**

Senator Cervantes reconvened the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

**Consideration of Legislation for Endorsement (10:25 a.m.)**

Committee members discussed legislation for endorsement. The endorsed legislation can be found here:

[https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/endorsed\\_legislation?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Year=2023](https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/endorsed_legislation?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Year=2023).

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.