



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

**July 28, 2023
Video Conference**

The four-hundred-fourteenth meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order by Representative Javier Martínez, co-chair, at 8:36 a.m. on July 28, 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. Katy M. Duhigg
Rep. T. Ryan Lane
Sen. Steven P. Neville
Sen. Michael Padilla
Rep. Andrea Romero
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.
Rep. Reena Szczepanski
Sen. Peter Wirth

Special Advisory Members Present

Absent

Sen. Craig W. Brandt
Rep. Gail Chasey
Rep. Greg Nibert

Special Advisory Members Absent

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown
Sen. Pete Campos
Rep. Christine Chandler
Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary
Rep. Doreen Y. Gallegos
Rep. Joy Garratt
Rep. Susan K. Herrera
Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil
Sen. Stuart Ingle
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Rep. Alan T. Martinez
Rep. Matthew McQueen
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew
Rep. William "Bill" R. Rehm
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez
Rep. Nathan P. Small
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson

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

Executive Session

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

Upon returning from executive session, Mr. Burciaga explained that the LCS issued a request for proposals to study the question of district or regional offices in late June and received a response on July 20, 2023. He said that the LCS recommended that the council approve the LCS moving forward with a contract with the respondent, The Focus Group, to provide at least three options for district or regional offices for legislators, as well as contracts with separate entities to survey available office space, survey legislators and legislative staff and identify other states with regional or district staff.

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council directed the LCS to move forward with a contract with the respondent, The Focus Group, to provide at least three options for district or regional offices for legislators, as well as contracts with separate entities to survey available office space, survey legislators and legislative staff and identify other states with regional or district staff, with Representatives Armstrong and Lane and Senator Baca voting "no".

Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.