

MINUTES
of the
FOURTH MEETING
of the
COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

July 16-17, 2024
State Capitol, Room 307
Santa Fe

The fourth meeting of the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee (CCJ) was called to order by Representative Christine Chandler, chair, on July 16, 2024 at 9:16 a.m. in Room 307 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Rep. Christine Chandler, Chair
Sen. Joseph Cervantes, Vice Chair
Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Rep. Janelle Anyanonu
Rep. Gail Chasey
Sen. Antonio Maestas
Rep. Alan T. Martinez
Sen. Greg Nibert
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill
Rep. Andrea Reeb
Rep. Andrea Romero
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez (7/16)

Absent

Sen. Gregory A. Baca
Rep. William "Bill" R. Rehm
Rep. Angelica Rubio

Advisory Members

Rep. John Block
Rep. Cynthia Borrego
Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena
Rep. Ambrose Castellano
Sen. Katy M. Duhigg (7/17)
Rep. William A. Hall
Sen. Daniel A. Ivey-Soto (7/16)
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Sen. Linda M. López
Rep. Stefani Lord (7/16)
Rep. Tara L. Lujan (7/17)
Rep. Willie D. Madrid
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle (7/16)
Sen. Mimi Stewart
Sen. Peter Wirth

Rep. Jared A. Hembree
Rep. Reena Szczepanski

Guest Legislator

Rep. Debra M. Sariñana (7/16)

(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

Simon Suzuki, Staff Attorney, LCS

Domenica Nieto, Research Assistant, LCS

Michel Rivera, Law Intern, LCS

Andrea Martinez, Intern, LCS

Guests

The guest list 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, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and committee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Tuesday, July 16

Welcome and Introductions (9:19 a.m.)

Representative Chandler asked committee members to introduce themselves.

Executive Session (Closed Meeting): *Atencio, et al. v. State of New Mexico* (9:25 a.m.)

On a motion made, seconded and approved, the committee entered an executive session to discuss litigation in *Atencio, et al. v. State of New Mexico*.

Upon a motion made, seconded and approved, the committee reconvened in open session at 10:49 a.m.

***City of Grants Pass v. Johnson and United States v. Rahimi* (10:50 a.m.)**

Megan Dorsey, consultant, CCJ, provided information on the *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson* lawsuit. Brandon Cummings, consultant, CCJ, provided information on the *United States v. Rahimi* lawsuit.

Approval of Minutes (12:16 p.m.)

On a motion made, seconded and approved, the committee adopted the minutes of the June 26-27, 2024 meeting.

Public Comment (1:23 p.m.)

A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 2:13 p.m.

Wednesday, July 17**Reconvene**

The meeting reconvened at 9:06 a.m.

Juvenile Crime: The Challenges We Face and the Changes We Need (9:07 a.m.)

Sam Bregman, district attorney, Second Judicial District, and Troy Gray, deputy district attorney, Second Judicial District, discussed the current issues they are facing with juvenile crime across the state. Mr. Bregman and Mr. Gray provided specific changes that they believe should be made to New Mexico statutes. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=7/15/2024&ItemNumber=2>.

Judicial Branch Update (10:32 a.m.)

The Honorable David K. Thomson, chief justice, New Mexico Supreme Court, and Arthur W. Pepin, director, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), discussed programs the Judicial Branch is actively working on with the AOC, changes made within the Judicial Branch, ways the Supreme Court is engaging with students at Central New Mexico Community College and security priorities.

Executive Session (Closed Meeting): Update on *Texas v. New Mexico* (11:30 a.m.)

On a motion made, seconded and approved, the committee entered an executive session to discuss litigation in *Texas v. New Mexico*.

Upon a motion made, seconded and approved, the committee reconvened in open session at 12:34 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.