

**2020 PROPOSED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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Work Plan

The New Mexico Legislative Council created the Indian Affairs Committee (IAC) on July 7, 2020. The IAC addresses issues and policies that affect Native Americans in New Mexico. IAC meetings are essential to the work of the legislature in addressing the issues affecting this segment of its constituency.

The IAC will explore and discuss topics in each major issue area affecting Native Americans during the 2020 interim as follows.

A. State-Tribal Relations:

1. receive updates from Native American liaisons or similarly tasked individuals from state executive agencies to assess outreach efforts, challenges and successes;
2. receive a report pursuant to House Bill 548 (2019) on the education and training program to meet the demand for uranium mine cleanup;
3. review funding for tribal capital projects;

4. receive an update from the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force;
5. receive an update regarding Native American voting issues;
6. receive a report on census data collection on reservations;
7. receive an update from the Indian Affairs Department, the Department of Environment and the New Mexico Finance Authority on water infrastructure needs on tribal land;
8. receive a report pursuant to Senate Memorial 63 (2020) from the community solar working group; and
9. receive a report from the New Mexico Film Office on the Senator John Pinto Memorial Fund.

B. Economic Development in Indian Country:

1. receive a report on broadband access on tribal lands; and
2. receive a report from the Department of Finance and Administration regarding the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act grants to tribal governments.

C. Education:

1. receive an update on the *Zuni v. State of New Mexico* lawsuit and the state equalization guarantee distribution, impact aid and funding formula;
2. receive an update on *Yazzie/Martinez v. State of New Mexico*; and
3. receive a report from tribal schools on reopening.

D. Health:

1. receive an update from the Department of Health on COVID-19 responses and efforts on tribal lands.

E. Annual Reports from Executive Agencies:

1. receive a report from the Office of the State Engineer and the Interstate Stream Commission regarding:
 - a. the impact of not funding *Aamodt* settlement obligations and the effect on federal funding;
 - b. the status of proposed Indian water rights settlements requiring state financing;
 - c. the distribution of funds from the Indian Water Rights Settlement Fund to implement approved settlements and the proposed timing of the distributions; and
 - d. recommendations on the level of funding for the Indian Water Rights Settlement Fund necessary to timely implement Indian water rights;
2. receive a report from the Indian Affairs Department regarding:
 - a. the compiled reports from all state agencies on activities pursuant to the State-Tribal Collaboration Act, including information on policies, plans, contact individuals, training, programs and services from each agency; and
 - b. the department's priorities and initiatives, as well as updates on current issues that tribal communities are facing; and
3. receive a report from the Tribal Infrastructure Board regarding the total expenditures from the Tribal Infrastructure Project Fund for the previous fiscal year, the purposes for which expenditures were made, an analysis of the progress of the projects funded and proposals for legislative action in the subsequent legislative session.

**Indian Affairs Committee
2020 Proposed Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
August 4	Santa Fe, State Capitol, House Chambers
September 1	Santa Fe, State Capitol, House Chambers
September 29	Santa Fe, State Capitol, House Chambers
October 16	Santa Fe, State Capitol, House Chambers
November 13	Santa Fe, State Capitol, House Chambers

*The State Capitol will be closed to the public, but meetings will be webcast. Committee members may attend meetings in Santa Fe or via a video conference platform.