



**MINUTES**  
**of the**  
**THREE-HUNDRED-SIXTY-SEVENTH MEETING**  
**of the**  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**October 25, 2016**  
**Santa Fe**

The three-hundred-sixty-seventh meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, at 10:10 a.m. in Room 307 of the State Capitol by Senator Mary Kay Papen, co-chair.

**Present**

Sen. Mary Kay Papen, Co-Chair  
Rep. Don L. Tripp, Co-Chair  
Rep. Alonzo Baldonado  
Sen. Carlos R. Cisneros  
Rep. Brian Egolf  
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo  
Rep. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales  
Sen. William H. Payne  
Sen. Clemente Sanchez  
Sen. William E. Sharer  
Sen. John Arthur Smith  
Rep. Sheryl Williams Stapleton

**Special Advisory Members Present**

Sen. Pete Campos  
Sen. Lee S. Cotter  
Sen. Michael Padilla  
Rep. Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert  
Rep. Jim R. Trujillo

**Absent**

Rep. Doreen Y. Gallegos  
Rep. Nate Gentry  
Sen. Stuart Ingle  
Sen. Michael S. Sanchez

**Special Advisory Members Absent**

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon  
Rep. Gail Chasey  
Sen. Ron Griggs  
Rep. Jason C. Harper  
Sen. Daniel A. Ivey-Soto  
Rep. Rick Little  
Rep. James Roger Madalena  
Sen. Cisco McSorley  
Sen. Mark Moores  
Sen. George K. Munoz  
Rep. Andy Nunez  
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle  
Rep. Dennis J. Roch  
Rep. Debbie A. Rodella  
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero  
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.  
Rep. Carl Trujillo

**Staff**

Raúl E. Burciaga, Director, Legislative Council Service (LCS)  
Amy Chavez-Romero, Assistant Director for Drafting, LCS  
Kathy Pacheco-Dofflemeyer, Assistant Director for Administration, LCS  
Jeret Fleetwood, Researcher, LCS

**Introductions**

Senator Papen began the meeting by asking members of the council to introduce themselves.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the minutes of the August 15, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Pre-Session Preparation**

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council authorized expenditures to be made for pre-session preparation.

**New Member Orientation**

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council authorized per diem and mileage reimbursement at the public rate for new legislative members to attend ethics training and new member orientation on December 12-14, 2016.

**Interim Committees**

The Investments and Pensions Oversight Committee requested an extra meeting day on November 1 to review legislation regarding retirement savings accounts.

The Indian Affairs Committee canceled its October meeting in Mescalero due to the special session and rescheduled it for November 29-30.

The Water and Natural Resources Committee canceled its October meeting due to the special session. The committee rearranged its schedule and planned to meet in Socorro on October 26 and in Roswell on October 27 and 28.

The Jobs Council requested an extra meeting day, to be scheduled at a later date.

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council approved all requested extra meeting dates and schedule changes.

**Approval for Use of Chambers**

The New Mexico Youth and Government Conference requested use of the chambers for a meeting in April 2017.

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council approved the request for use of the chambers.

### **Staff Reports**

Mr. Burciaga noted that 2016 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the State Capitol building. He also discussed the status of several building improvement projects, including remodeling and refurbishing some areas, new carpeting and wiring upgrades. He said that the work on the area next to the capitol parking facility that was not initially backfilled adequately and a new roof are planned future projects.

In response to a question from Speaker Tripp, Mr. Burciaga noted that Legislative Building Services crews had removed some trees from the grounds over the summer and were still in the process of trimming other vegetation. However, he noted that he was unable to hire additional grounds staff due to budget cuts. Mr. Burciaga did note, though, that a new water saving system had been installed, allowing staff to keep the grounds green while using less water.

In response to several questions, Mr. Burciaga explained that the ethics training offered by the LCS to fulfill the statutory requirement for ethics training for all members of the legislature is scheduled for December 12, 2016. He noted that some members of the legislature had requested that ethics training be conducted for caucuses, rather than as one large meeting. However, some members expressed concern about access for the public and press at caucus meetings.

There being no further business, the council adjourned at 10:40 a.m.