

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

**August 22-24, 2022  
State Capitol, Senate Chamber  
Santa Fe**

The third meeting of the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee was called to order by Senator Joseph Cervantes, co-chair, on August 22, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

**Present**

Sen. Joseph Cervantes, Co-Chair  
Rep. Gail Chasey, Co-Chair  
Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon  
Rep. Christine Chandler\*  
Sen. Katy M. Duhigg\*  
Sen. Linda M. Lopez\*  
Rep. Antonio Maestas (8/23, 8/24)  
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill  
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle (8/23)  
Rep. William "Bill" R. Rehm  
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana (8/23, 8/24)  
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez  
Rep. Christine Trujillo (8/23, 8/24)  
Sen. Peter Wirth\* (8/22)

**Advisory Members**

Sen. Mimi Stewart (8/22, 8/23)

**Absent**

Rep. Karen C. Bash  
Rep. Zachary J. Cook  
Sen. Daniel A. Ivey-Soto  
Sen. Mark Moores

Sen. Gregory A. Baca  
Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena  
Sen. Jacob R. Candelaria  
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo  
Rep. Doreen Y. Gallegos  
Rep. T. Ryan Lane  
Rep. Georgene Louis  
Rep. Roger E. Montoya  
Rep. Andrea Romero  
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero

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

\*Appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives or the president pro tempore of the senate as a voting member for this meeting only.

**Staff**

Sean Dolan, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)  
Nancy Martinez, Research Assistant, LCS  
Grecia Duarte, Intern, LCS

**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, August 22****Bankruptcy Reform (10:33 a.m.)**

Senator Duhigg; Lindsay Cutler, attorney, Economic Equity, New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty (NMCLP); and William Ivry, attorney at law, discussed the proposed legislation in House Bill 36 (2021) and presented additional information regarding proposed changes to New Mexico bankruptcy law. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=8/22/2022&ItemNumber=1>.

**Approval of Minutes (11:54 a.m.)**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, and without objection, the committee approved the minutes of the July 25-27, 2022 meeting.

**Affordable Housing's Connection to Crime (1:36 p.m.)**

Sidney Betancourt, housing advocacy organizer, National Low Income Housing Coalition; Maria Griego, director, Economic Equity, NMCLP; and Rachel Biggs, chief strategy officer, Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless, Inc., presented information and data regarding affordable housing in New Mexico and the association between people who are struggling to afford housing and increased rates of crime and incarceration. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=8/22/2022&ItemNumber=2>.

## **Recess**

The committee recessed at 3:51 p.m.

## **Tuesday, August 23**

### **Update from the Department for Therapeutic Justice (9:41 a.m.)**

Robert Mitchell, senior statewide program manager, Department for Therapeutic Justice, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC); Tamas Zold, statewide program manager, Department for Therapeutic Justice, AOC; Martin Burkhart, statewide program manager, Department for Therapeutic Justice, AOC; Deanna Corriz, statewide program manager, Department for Therapeutic Justice, AOC; Carlos Gonzales, statewide program manager, Department for Therapeutic Justice, AOC; the Honorable Christine Rodriguez, judge, Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court; Karen Price-Coberly, graduate, Department for Therapeutic Justice; and Oscar Markman-Lopez, graduate, Department for Therapeutic Justice, provided the committee with an overview of the work of the Department for Therapeutic Justice and the variety of programs offered. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/CCJ%20082222%20Item%203%20FY2022%20DTJ-Treatment%20Court%20Report.pdf>.

### **Cannabis Equity in New Mexico (1:42 p.m.)**

Emily Kaltenbach, senior director, Criminal Legal and Policing Reform, Drug Policy Alliance; Andrew Vallejos, director, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD); Carolina Barrera, deputy director of policy, Cannabis Control Division, RLD; and Robert Sachs, general counsel, Cannabis Control Division, RLD, provided the committee with information regarding the implementation of recreational cannabis, cannabis licenses and cannabis equity. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=8/22/2022&ItemNumber=4>.

### **Public Comment (3:25 p.m.)**

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

## **Recess**

The committee recessed at 3:29 p.m.

## **Wednesday, August 24**

### **Alcohol Issues in New Mexico and the Correlation with Crime (10:06 a.m.)**

Aryan Showers, director, Office of Policy and Accountability, Department of Health (DOH); Garry Kelley, senior injury epidemiologist, Office of Injury Prevention, Epidemiology and Response Division, DOH; Annaliese Mayette, alcohol epidemiologist, Injury and Behavioral Epidemiology Bureau, Epidemiology and Response Division, DOH; Dr. Kenneth Geter, acting

deputy division director of programs, Community and Health Systems Epidemiology Bureau, Epidemiology and Response Division, DOH; Dr. Laura Parajon, deputy secretary and acting director, Epidemiology and Response Division, DOH; and Jessica Rodarte, technical support staff manager, Department of Public Safety, provided the committee with information regarding alcohol use in New Mexico and the correlation of alcohol use with crime. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/CCJ%20082222%20Item%205%20Alcohol%20%20Violence%20Pres.pdf>.

**Addressing Drunk Driving in New Mexico (1:40 p.m.)**

Lieutenant Kurtis Ward, State Police Division, Department of Public Safety, and Al Valdez, DWI School, Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court, provided the committee with information regarding the DWI School's successes and the issues seen in New Mexico by the New Mexico State Police regarding drunk driving.

**Public Comment (3:00 p.m.)**

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

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.