

MINUTES
of the
EIGHTY-SIXTH MEETING
of the
PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE

December 9, 2022
State Capitol, House Chamber
Santa Fe

The eighty-sixth meeting of the Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force was called to order by Representative G. Andrés Romero, chair, on Friday, December 9, 2022, at 9:07 a.m. in the House Chamber of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Rep. G. Andrés Romero, Chair
Sondra Adams
Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Johnny Benavidez
Rep. Jack Chatfield
Sen. Stuart Ingle
Ashley Leach, Designee for Secretary of
Finance and Administration Debbie
Romero
Julie Lucero
Antonio Ortiz, Designee for Secretary of
Public Education Kurt Steinhaus
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Amber L. Romero
Stan Rounds
Karen Sanchez-Griego
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.
Sen. Mimi Stewart

Advisory Members

Absent

Sen. William P. Soules, Vice Chair
Rep. Brian Egolf
Scott Elder
Carl Foster
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Cindy Montoya
Sen. George K. Munoz
Brandy Murphy
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez

Sen. Leo Jaramillo
Sen. Michael Padilla
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle

Guest Legislator

Rep. Tara L. Lujan

Staff

Raúl E. Burciaga, Director, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Clinton Turner, Research and Fiscal Policy Analyst, LCS

Sheila Keleher, Research Assistant, LCS
Lenaya Montoya, Staff Attorney, LCS
Joanne Vandestreek, Senior Legislative Librarian, LCS

Minutes Approval

Because the task force will not meet again this year, the minutes for this meeting have not been officially approved by the task force.

Guests

The guest list is 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 task force meeting, which can be found at www.nmlegis.gov, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and task force discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Friday, December 9

Welcome (9:07 a.m.)

Representative Romero welcomed task force members, staff and guests.

Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) Update (9:08 a.m.)

Raúl E. Burciaga, vice chair, PSCOC; David Abbey, chair, Awards Subcommittee, PSCOC; David Robbins, chair, Administration, Maintenance and Standards Subcommittee, PSCOC; and Martica Casias, executive director, Public School Facilities Authority (PSFA), presented an update on the facilities master plan assistance awards, broadband category 2 awards and out-of-cycle awards. Mr. Burciaga reviewed the recertification of supplemental severance tax bonds, the Statewide Education Network connectivity guidelines for teachers and students and the Ben Lujan Maintenance Achievement Awards. Mr. Abbey discussed the potential standards-based awards for the Estancia Municipal School District and the Pojoaque Valley Public School District. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=PSCO&Date=12/9/2022&ItemNumber=1>.

PSFA Briefing and Responses (9:42 a.m.)

Ms. Casias and Dianne Lindstrom, deputy director, Office of Broadband Access and Expansion, Department of Information Technology, reviewed the Connect New Mexico Pilot Program and the application process for grant awards. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/PSCO%20120922%20Item%202%20%20PSFA%20Briefing%20and%20Responses%20-%20Proposed%20State-Local%20Match,%20Offsets.pdf>.

Early Childhood Capital Needs and Implementation of Constitutional Amendment for Early Childhood Education (10:00 a.m.)

Elizabeth Groginsky, secretary, Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD), discussed the need for expanding facilities for pre-kindergarten programming in public schools and tribal communities. Secretary Groginsky noted that the ECECD will continue to look at the Land Grant Permanent Fund and the Early Childhood Education and Care Fund as revenue sources for opportunities to invest in school buildings.

Consideration of Legislation for Endorsement (10:46 a.m.)

Mr. Turner discussed proposed legislation which would allow the PSFA to base its budget on a five-year average and reduce the local match by one-third for some school districts and by one-half for small school districts. In addition, Mr. Turner discussed the proposal to eliminate the federal impact aid credits, eliminate offsets for charter schools and reduce the local match for pre-kindergarten projects by 50 percent. Tim Bedeaux, senior policy analyst, Legislative Education Study Committee; Sunny Liu, fiscal analyst, Legislative Finance Committee; and Ms. Casias elaborated on the local match reduction and the elimination of both the offset provision and the federal impact aid credits. Ms. Casias discussed the removal of direct legislative appropriations, the proposed year-round award cycle for all PSCOC-funded programs and the simplified application process. Upon a motion made by Mr. Rounds, seconded by Senator Stewart and without objection, the task force moved to endorse the proposed legislation. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=PSCO&Date=12/9/2022&ItemNumber=4>.

Approval of Minutes (11:17 a.m.)

Upon a motion made and seconded, and without any objections, the task force approved the minutes of the October 31, 2022 meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the task force, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.