

**MINUTES
of the
SIXTH MEETING
of the
FEDERAL FUNDING STABILIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

**November 6-7, 2025
State Capitol, Room 317
Santa Fe**

The sixth meeting of the Federal Funding Stabilization Subcommittee was called to order by Representative Patricia A. Lundstrom, co-chair, at 10:15 a.m. on November 6, 2025 in Room 317 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom, Co-Chair
Sen. William P. Soules, Co-Chair
Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown
Rep. Susan K. Herrera
Sen. Linda M. Trujillo
Sen. Pat Woods

Absent

Rep. Mark Duncan
Rep. Raymundo Lara
Sen. George K. Muñoz
Sen. James G. Townsend

Advisory Members

Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto (11/6)
Rep. Reena Szczepanski (11/6)

Rep. Meredith A. Dixon
Sen. Linda M. López
Sen. Cindy Nava

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

Staff

Clinton Turner, Fiscal Policy Analyst, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Sabina Gaynor, Staff Attorney, LCS
Nicole Waguespack, Researcher, LCS

Minutes Approval

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

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

Thursday, November 6

Welcome and Introductions (10:15 a.m.)

Senator Soules welcomed everyone to the meeting, and members of the subcommittee introduced themselves.

Review of Federal Changes, State Responses and Best Practices (10:17 a.m.)

Rebecca Thiess, manager, Managing Fiscal Risks Program, The Pew Charitable Trusts, provided a presentation on federal funding changes, state responses to those changes and best practices in light of the changes. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=ZFFSS&Date=11/6/2025&ItemNumber=1>.

Federal Funding Changes Impact on Local Governments (10:59 a.m.)

Joy Esparsen, executive director, New Mexico Association of Counties, provided a presentation on the impacts of changing federal funding on local governments. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=ZFFSS&Date=11/6/2025&ItemNumber=2>.

Federal Agricultural and Nutrition Program Impacts on Producers, Communities and Consumers (1:05 p.m.)

Pam Roy, farm to table executive director and coordinator, New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council; Ivy Jean Reynolds, founder and principal consultant, Agrarian Policy Center; Debbie Hughes, executive director, New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts; and Manny Encinas, rancher, and executive director, Santa Fe Farmers' Market Institute, provided presentations on the impacts of federal funding changes on nutrition and agriculture programs in New Mexico. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=ZFFSS&Date=11/6/2025&ItemNumber=3>.

New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute Impact (2:28 p.m.)

Alan Barton, Ph.D., director, New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute; Edward Martinez, Ph.D., deputy director, Operations and Development, New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute; and Gilbert "Buddy" Rivera, deputy director and chief of staff,

New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute, provided a presentation on the New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute and the impacts of changing federal funding on the operations of its programs. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=ZFFSS&Date=11/6/2025&ItemNumber=4>.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 3:16 p.m.

Friday, November 7

Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 9:01 a.m.

Shutdown Emergency Response and Federal Funding Outlook (9:02 a.m.)

Charles Sallee, director, Legislative Finance Committee, provided a presentation on the state of the federal budget. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=ZFFSS&Date=11/6/2025&ItemNumber=5>.

Committee Discussion (9:47 a.m.)

Representative Lundstrom and Senator Soules led a discussion on legislative recommendations arising from the subcommittee's work during the interim.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.