

**Legislative Education Study Committee  
New Mexico Highlands University  
Las Vegas, New Mexico  
July 23-25, 2025**

**Wednesday, July 23**

- 9:00 (1) Call to Order, Introductions, and Approval of July Agenda and June Minutes.
- 9:15 (2) Community Welcome. **Christopher Gutierrez**, Superintendent, West Las Vegas School District; **Melissa Sandoval**, Superintendent, Las Vegas City Schools
- 10:30 (3) House Memorial 2: Artificial Intelligence Working Group Recommendations. **Tim Bedeaux**, Senior Policy Analyst II, LESC; **Jaycie Homer**, Teacher, Lovington Municipal Schools; **Francine Binnert**, Librarian, Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School; **Paige Prescott**, Executive Director, Computer Science Alliance; **Andrew Procter**, Student, East Mountain High School
- 12:00 Lunch.
- 1:30 (4) Superintendent Panel. **Jessica Hathaway**, Deputy Director, LESC; **Debra Sena-Holton**, Superintendent, Pecos Independent School District; **Melissa Sandoval**, Superintendent, Las Vegas City Schools (Invited); **Christopher Gutierrez**, Superintendent, West Las Vegas School District (Invited); **Kodi Sumpter**, Superintendent, Des Moines Municipal Schools (Invited)
- 3:00 (5) New Mexico Highlands University Teacher Preparation. **Geri Glover, Ph.D., LPCC, NCC, RPT-S**, Interim Dean, School of Education, New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU)
- 4:00 Recess

**Thursday, July 24**

- 9:00 (6) Public Education Reform Fund Update. **Tim Bedeaux**, Senior Policy Analyst, LESC; **Rachel Mabe**, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) (Invited); **Kenneth Stowe**, Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Public Education Department (PED) (Invited)
- 9:30 (7) High Impact Tutoring. **Conor L. Hicks**, Policy Analyst, LESC: PED (Invited); **Dr. Rachel Boren**, Southwest Outreach Academic Research Evaluation and Policy Center, New Mexico State University
- 10:45 (8) Improving Math: Policy and Practice. **Jessica Hathaway**, Deputy Director, LESC; **Shafiq Chaudhary**, Director of Math and Science Bureau, PED
- 12:00 Lunch

- 1:00 (9) Progress Report: Prekindergarten Quality and Educational Outcomes. **Ryan Tolman, PhD**, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee (LFC); **Sarah Rovang**, Program Evaluator, LFC
- 2:00 (10) Early Childhood Workforce Wage and Salary Report. **Elizabeth Groginsky**, Cabinet Secretary, Early Childhood Education and Care Department
- 3:30 (11) Public Comment
- 4:00 Recess

**Friday, July 25**

- 9:00 (12) Charter School Governance and Support. **Mark Montoya**, Senior Policy Analyst, LESC; **Rebekka Burt**, Chairwoman, Public Education Commission; **PED** (Invited); **Dr. Joseph D. Escobedo**, Charter School Team-Board of Education Services Office, Albuquerque Public Schools (Invited)
- 10:30 (13) Federal Funding Update. **Daniel Estupiñan**, Senior Fiscal Policy Analyst II, LESC
- 11:00 (14) Director's Report
- Newsletter
  - *Martinez-Yazzie* Update
- 11:30 Adjourn