MINUTES
of the
SEVENTH MEETING
of the
COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

November 6, 2026
State Capitol, Room 322
Santa Fe

The seventh meeting of the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee was called to order by Representative Christine Chandler, chair, on November 6, 2026 at 9:42 a.m. in Room 322 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present
Rep. Christine Chandler, Chair
Rep. Marianna Anaya
Rep. Janelle Anyanonu
Sen. Natalie Figueroa*
Sen. Antonio Maestas
Rep. Andrea Romero
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez
Sen. Linda M. Trujillo*

Absent
Sen. Joseph Cervantes, Vice Chair
Sen. Crystal Brantley
Rep. Nicole Chavez
Rep. William A. Hall II
Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil
Sen. Cindy Nava
Rep. Angelica Rubio
Sen. James G. Townsend

Advisory Members
Rep. John Block
Rep. Eleanor Chávez
Rep. Joy Garratt
Rep. Tara L. Lujan

Rep. Gail Armstrong
Sen. Heather Berghmans
Sen. Pat Boone
Rep. Cynthia Borrego
Sen. Katy Duhigg
Rep. Yanira Gurrola
Sen. Steve D. Lanier
Rep. Stefani Lord
Rep. Alan T. Martinez
Sen. Micaelita Debbie O'Malley
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana
Rep. Sarah Silva
Rep. Nathan P. Small
Sen. Mimi Stewart
Rep. Reena Szczepanski
Sen. Peter Wirth

Guest Legislators
Rep. Cristina Parajón
Sen. Harold Pope

*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)
Simon Suzuki, Staff Attorney, LCS
Domenica Nieto, Research Assistant, LCS
Alyssa Reyes, Intern, LCS

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

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, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and committee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Friday, November 6

Welcome and Introductions (9:42 a.m.)
Representative Chandler welcomed committee members and members of the public.

Local Collaboration With Immigration Enforcement Agencies and Its Impact on Detention (9:46 a.m.)
Teague González, Esq., executive director, New Mexico Immigrant Law Center; Jessica Aguirre, Esq., managing attorney, Contigo Immigrant Justice; and Gabriela Ibañez Guzmán, Esq., senior staff attorney, Somos Un Pueblo Unido, presented on the detention conditions in the state for people being held by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, how transfers within the state are occurring, local resources

for those held in detention, health and safety of those being detained, third country removals, national data and current trends and discussed records obtained through the Inspection of Public Records Act. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=11/6/2026&ItemNumber=1.

Trauma Doesn't Expire: Extending the Civil Statute of Limitations for Childhood Sexual Abuse (11:12 a.m.)

Representative Anaya; Alexandria Taylor, executive director, New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs; Rachel Benavidez, R.N., Epstein survivor; and Kathryn Robb, Esq., national director, Children's Justice Campaign, Enough Abuse, presented on national and state statistics regarding childhood sexual abuse, differences in the statutes of limitations in other states and current data on the risk of childhood sexual abuse and discussed potential statutory changes to extend the statute of limitations for civil claims. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=11/6/2026&ItemNumber=2.

Inspection of Public Records Act Task Force Final Report (12:59 p.m.)

Gregory P. Williams, attorney, Peifer, Hanson, Mullins & Baker, P.A., and Michael Eshleman, county attorney, Sandoval County, provided an overview of how the Inspection of Public Records Act Task Force was set up and how public comment was handled. They discussed the recommendations made by the task force, both those that were unanimously accepted and those in which there was dissent. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=11/6/2026&ItemNumber=3.

Modernization of the Criminal Justice System (2:23 p.m.)

Representative Lujan; Rachel Feldman, chair, Civil Rights and Criminal Justice Committee, Indivisible SOS Santa Fe; and Douglas Carver, executive director, New Mexico Sentencing Commission, discussed House Memorial 13 (2026), which requested a task force to study modernization of the criminal justice system, and public comments collected to support the system and presented a legislative strategy and a bill to be introduced in the 2027 session. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=11/6/2026&ItemNumber=4.

Approval of Minutes (3:05 p.m.)

The committee approved the minutes of the October 28-29, 2026 meeting.

Criminal Deflection Programs (3:05 p.m.)

Representative Lujan, Ms. Feldman and Mr. Carver discussed potential legislation to establish criminal deflection programs. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=11/6/2026&ItemNumber=5.

Children, Youth and Families Department Commission (3:16 p.m.)

Representative Chávez and Gerald Ortiz y Pino, former senator, District 12, presented ideas on potential reforms to the Children, Youth and Families Department and discussed a history of the department and background on a proposed bill.

Public Comment (4:02 p.m.)

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

Committee Discussion (4:22 p.m.)

The committee discussed the work of the interim.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.