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TENTATIVE AGENDA
Legislative Finance Committee
Las Cruces, New Mexico
September 22-24, 2026

Tuesday, September 22

Meeting Location
Stan Fulton Center
1815 Wells St
Las Cruces, NM 88003

- 8:30 -- [Welcoming Remarks](#) -- Valerio Ferme, President, New Mexico State University
- 9:00 -- [Progress Report: Housing Special Appropriations](#) -- Josh Chaffin, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Alma Kassim, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Sarita Nair, Secretary, Workforce Solutions Department
- 10:30 -- [Las Cruces Model: A Case Study in Public-Private Solutions to Housing and Homelessness](#) -- Nichole Martinez, Executive Director, Mesilla Valley Community of Hope; Natalie Green, Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Administrator, City of Las Cruces; Orrey Allen, General Contractor, Spartan Construction
- 12:00 -- Lunch
- 1:00 -- [Manatt Behavioral Health Feasibility Study](#) -- John O'Brien, Manatt National Advisor
- 2:30 -- [Health Care Authority: SB3 Update and Budget Request](#) -- Nick Boukas, Director, Behavioral Health Services Division, Health Care Authority; Niki Kozlowski, Acting Deputy Secretary, Child Support Services Division, Health Care Authority
- Senate Bill 3 and Status of Related Nonrecurring Appropriations
 - GRO: SBIRT & CCBHC's
 - Request: Behavioral Health Services Division; Child Support and Enforcement Division
- 3:45 -- [Investments in Water Quantity, Delivery and Infrastructure](#) -- Stacy Timmons, Director of the New Mexico Tech Aquifer Mapping Program; Jonas Armstrong, NMED's River Stewardship Program; Marquita Russel, CEO, NMFA; Elizabeth Anderson, State Engineer
- Aquifer Mapping
 - Texas v. New Mexico Implementation Investments
 - Water Trust Board Awardees
 - River Stewards Investments
- 4:45 -- [Public Comment](#)
- 5:00 -- [Miscellaneous Committee Business](#)

Action Items

- 1) Approval of LFC August Meeting Minutes

Review of Monthly Financial Reports & Information Items

- 2) LFC FY27 Budget Status
- 3) Q4 Report Cards
- 4) BAR Report

- 5) Cash Balance Report
- 6) Full-Time Employees by Agency
- 7) LFC Program Evaluation Status Report
- 8) Program Evaluation Recommendation Updates
- 9) Correspondence

5:30 -- Adjourn

Wednesday, September 23

- 8:00 -- [Welcoming Remarks](#) -- Eric Enriquez, Mayor, City of Las Cruces; Ikani Taumoepeau, City Manager, City of Las Cruces; Stephen Lopez, Acting Dona Ana County Manager
- 9:00 -- [Long-Term Revenue Estimate and Budget Planning](#) -- Ismael Torres, Chief Economist, Legislative Finance Committee; Leonardo Delgado, Chief Economist, Department of Finance and Administration; Lucinda Sydow, Chief Economist, Taxation and Revenue Department; Kwaku Boakye, Economist, New Mexico Transportation Department
- 10:30 -- [Assessing the Long-Term Fiscal Impacts of Emerging Demographic, Environmental, and Technology Risks](#) -- Caitlyn Wan Smith, Officer, Managing Fiscal Risks Project, Pew Charitable Trusts;
- 11:30 -- [Major FY28 Specials Requests and Status of Prior Year Nonrecurring Investments](#) -- Joey Simon, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee Sarah Dinces, Program Evaluator; Legislative Finance Committee; Isabella Storms, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee;
- 12:30 -- Lunch
- 1:30 -- [Regional Economic Development Collaborations and Opportunities](#) -- Tracy Hartzler, President, Central New Mexico Community College; Julie Heinrich, Heinrich Consulting Group; Kurt Phinney, CEO, Palladium Diagnostics; Patricia Sullivan, Interim Vice President for Research, New Mexico State University
- CAMINO Collaboration
 - Fujitsu Partnership and Edge Computing
- 2:30 -- [Engaging Youth in Trades and the New Mexico Workforce](#) -- Melinda Culty, DHE Computer Systems; Bill McCamley, Former State Legislator
- Virtual Reality Training and Certification
 - Build Them Up MEN Program
- 3:45 -- [Insurance Cost Drivers](#) -- Alice T. Kane, Superintendent, Office of the Superintendent of Insurance; David Ratcliff, American Association of Justice
- 4:45 -- Public Comment
- 5:00 -- Adjourn

Thursday, September 24

--JOINT MEETING WITH THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE--

- 8:00 -- [Public Education Department Budget Request](#) -- Mariana Padilla, Secretary, Public Education Department
- Below the line requests

- Specials and PERF

- 9:30 -- [School Leadership](#) -- Sunny Liu, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee; John Sena, Director, Legislative Education Study Committee
- 10:45 -- [Status Report on NMPSIA Consolidation](#) -- Patrick Sandoval, Executive Director, New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority; Sunny Liu, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee
- 11:45 -- [Public Media Partnerships](#) -- Phil Hoffman, New Mexico PBS; Jeff Pope, KUNM; Scott Michlin, General Manager, KSJE Visual Radio
- 12:00 -- Adjourn

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