

Legislative Education Study Committee
New Mexico Highlands University Student Union Building
800 National Avenue
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. **Daniel A. Brown, Ph.D.**, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs, New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU); **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; **Christopher Gutierrez**, Superintendent, West Las Vegas School District; **Martín A. Madrid**, Superintendent, Santa Rosa Consolidated Schools
- 3:00 (5) New Mexico Highlands University Teacher Preparation. **Geri Glover, Ph.D.**, Interim Dean, School of Education, NMHU; **Elisabeth Valenzuela, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor and Department Chair, Bilingual Education, NMHU; **Aaron Rudolph, Ph.D.**, Associate Director Office of Field Experiences and Undergraduate Admissions, 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); **Kenneth Stowe**, Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Public Education Department (PED)
- 9:30 (7) High Impact Tutoring. **Conor L. Hicks**, Policy Analyst, LESC; **Julie Brenning**, Senior Manager, Community Schools and Extended Learning Bureau, Public Education Department (PED); **Rachel Boren, Ph.D.**, Director, Southwest Outreach Academic Research (SOAR) Evaluation and Policy Center, New Mexico State University (NMSU); **Anne Marie Strangio, Ed.D.**, Deputy Director, Student Support Services Division, PED

- 10:45 (8) Improving Math: Policy and Practice. **Jessica Hathaway**, Deputy Director, LESC; **Shafiq Chaudhary**, Director of Math and Science Bureau, PED; **Kersti Tyson, Ph.D.**, Secretary, Math and Science Advisory Council and Director of K-12 Education Programs, Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 (9) Progress Report: Prekindergarten Quality and Educational Outcomes. **Sarah Rovang, Ph.D.**, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee (LFC); **Ryan Tolman, Ph.D.**, 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**, Chair, Public Education Commission (PEC); **Joseph D. Escobedo, Ed. D.**, Director of Charter School Team, Board of Education Services Office, Albuquerque Public Schools (APS); **Brigitte Russell, Ph.D.**, Interim Director, Charter Schools Division, PED
- 10:30 (13) Federal Funding Update. **Daniel Estupiñan**, Senior Fiscal Analyst II, LESC
- 11:00 (14) Director's Report
- Newsletter
 - *Martinez-Yazzie* Update
- 11:30 Adjourn