

**MINUTES  
of the  
FIRST MEETING  
of the  
LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**May 20, 2025  
State Capitol, Room 322  
Santa Fe**

The first meeting of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee (LHHS) was called to order by Representative Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson, chair, on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 9:21 a.m. in Room 322 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

**Present**

Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson, Chair  
Sen. Linda M. López, Vice Chair  
Rep. Eleanor Chávez  
Rep. Pamela Herndon  
Sen. Larry R. Scott

**Absent**

Sen. Jay C. Block  
Sen. Martin Hickey  
Rep. Jenifer Jones

**Advisory Members**

Rep. Marianna Anaya  
Rep. John Block  
Rep. Kathleen Cates  
Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary  
Sen. David M. Gallegos  
Rep. Miguel P. García  
Rep. Anita Gonzales  
Rep. Tara L. Lujan  
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto  
Sen. Harold Pope  
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero  
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics

Sen. Angel M. Charley  
Rep. Nicole Chavez  
Sen. Katy Duhigg  
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson  
Rep. Alan T. Martinez  
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez  
Rep. Elaine Sena Cortez  
Rep. Sarah Silva  
Rep. Reena Szczepanski  
Rep. E. Diane Torres-Velásquez

**Staff**

Zander Dawson, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)  
Andrea Lazarow, Bill Drafter, LCS  
Grace Balderamos, Staff, LCS

**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 committee meeting, which can be found at [www.nmlegis.gov](http://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.

## **Tuesday, May 20**

### **Welcome and Introductions (9:21 a.m.)**

Representative Thomson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

### **LHHS 2025 Work Plan and Meeting Schedule: Presentation and Member Discussion (9:41 a.m.)**

Committee members proposed topics for the committee to prioritize during the 2025 interim and suggested potential meeting locations.

### **Motions to Send Letters (10:58 a.m.)**

On a motion made by Representative Chávez, seconded by Representative Herndon and objected to by Senator Scott, the committee voted to send a letter to the state's congressional delegation to express opposition to the proposed 10-year moratorium on state artificial intelligence legislation that is being considered as part of a congressional budget reconciliation bill. On a motion made by Senator López and seconded by Representative Chávez, and without objection, the committee voted to send a letter to the Health Care Authority to express concern regarding how appropriations intended to provide raises to direct support professionals are being used.

### **Public Comment (11:16 a.m.)**

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

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.