

**Legislative Education Study Committee
Taos Municipal Schools Administration Building
310 Camino de la Placita
Taos, NM 87571
July 15-17, 2026**

Wednesday, July 15

- 9:00 **(1)** Call to Order, Introductions, and Approval of July Agenda and May Minutes.
- 9:05 **(2)** Community Welcome. **Antonio Layton Jr., Ed.D.**, Superintendent, Taos Municipal Schools (TMSD); **Senator Roberty “Bobby” Gonzales**, State Senator, District 6; **Representative Kristina Ortez**, State Representative, District 42; **Mark Flores**, Board President, TMSD; **Cynthia Spray**, Board Vice President, TMSD; **Anthony Keith King**, Board Member, TMSD; **Daniel Barrone**, Mayor, Town of Taos
- 10:00 **(3)** Public Education Reform Fund Update. **Jessica Hathaway**, Deputy Director, LESC; **Sarah Dinces, Ph.D.**, Principal Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee (LFC); **Simon Miller**, Strategic Planning and Performance Analyst, Department of Finance and Administration (DFA); **Amanda DeBell**, Deputy Secretary of Teaching, Learning, and Innovation, Public Education Department (PED); **Jill Vice**, Deputy Secretary of Special Education, PED
- 11:15 **(4)** State Investment Council and New Mexico Land Office Permanent Funds Update. **Charles Wollmann**, Chief Communications Officer, State Investment Council (SIC); **Dawn Iglesias**, Chief Investment Operations Officer, SIC; **Sunalei Stewart**, Deputy Commissioner of Operations, State Land Office (SLO)
- 12:30 Lunch.
- 1:30 **(5)** School Leader Panel. **Jessica Hathaway**, Deputy Director, LESC; **Antonio Layton Jr., Ed.D.**, Superintendent, TMSD; **Michelle Gonzales**, Superintendent, Peñasco Independent School District; **Michele Hunt**, Director, Anansi Charter School
- 3:00 **(6)** Update on Assessments and Amira. **Mark Angel**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Amira Learning; **Lynn Vasquez**, Senior Manager of Assessment, Research, Evaluation, and Accountability, PED
- 4:00 Recess.

Thursday, July 16

- 9:00 **(7)** New Mexico School Board Association Executive Board.

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- 9:30 (8) Career and Technical Education in New Mexico: A Proposed Categorical Funding Framework. **Saraí Ortiz**, Policy Analyst, LESC; **Breezy Gutierrez**, Senior Manager of College and Career Readiness Bureau, PED; **Matt Sandoval**, Executive Director, Sendero Prep
- 11:00 (9) Paid Parental Leave for Educators. **Shannon Holston**, Chief of Policy, National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ)
- 12:00 Lunch.
- 1:00 (10) Build Them Up: Education and Workforce Policy for New Mexico's Boys and Young Men. **Bill McCamley**, former State Representative and Cabinet Secretary, Author; **Curtis Valentine**, President, Male Educator Network and Policy Institute; **Courtenay Eichenhorst**, Business Manager, United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry Local 412 (UA Local 412); **Joan Baker**, Director of Outreach and Engagement, UA Local 412
- 2:30 (11) LFC Evaluation: Instructional Time and Extended Learning Opportunities in Public Schools. **Stephanie Joyce**, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee (LFC); **Sarah Rovang, Ph.D.**, Program Evaluator, LFC; **Sara Cordova**, Senior Manager of School Budget PED
- 3:45 (12) [Public Comment.](#)
- 4:15 Recess.

Friday, July 17

- 9:00 (13) New Mexico Teacher Preparation Standards. **Jesse Chenven, Ph.D.**, Associate Dean, School of Education, Central New Mexico Community College (CNM); **Kristopher Goodrich, Ph.D.**, Dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences, University of New Mexico (UNM)
- 10:15 (14) Update on Implementation of New State Math Requirements. **Marit Andrews**, Principal Analyst, LESC; **Annie Armatage**, Senior Policy Analyst II, LESC; **Shafiq Chaudhary**, Senior Manager, Math and Science Bureau, PED; **Kersti Tyson, Ph.D.**, Co-Chair, Math and Science Advisory Council; **Jesse Chenven, Ph.D.**, Associate Dean, School of Education, CNM; **Kristopher Goodrich, Ph.D.**, Dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences, UNM
- 11:30 (15) Rule Update. **Conor L. Hicks**, Policy Analyst, LESC
- 12:00 (16) Director's Report. **John Sena**, Director, LESC

- Personnel Update

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- Newsletter
- Budget Update

12:30

Adjourn.