MINUTES
of the
SIXTH MEETING
of the
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

October 29, 2026
State Capitol, Room 307
Santa Fe

The sixth meeting of the Science, Technology and Telecommunications Committee was called to order by Representative Debra M. Sariñana, vice chair, on Thursday, October 29, 2026, at 10:12 a.m. in Room 307 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana, Vice Chair
Rep. Joy Garratt
Rep. Anita Gonzales
Rep. Tara L. Lujan
Sen. Harold Pope
Sen. William P. Soules
Sen. Anthony L. Thornton
Sen. Nicole Tobiassen

Absent
Sen. Heather Berghmans, Chair
Rep. Joshua N. Hernandez
Rep. Alan T. Martinez
Sen. Michael Padilla

Advisory Members
Sen. Jay C. Block
Rep. Janelle Anyanonu
Rep. Gail Armstrong
Rep. Christine Chandler
Rep. Meredith A. Dixon
Rep. Yanira Gurrola
Rep. Charlotte Little
Sen. Larry R. Scott
Rep. Linda Serrato
Rep. Sarah Silva
Sen. James G. Townsend
Sen. Linda M. Trujillo

Staff
Mark Edwards, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Joanne Montague, Senior Legislative Librarian, LCS
William Mason, Staff, 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 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 under the recorded webcast for this meeting.

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Welcome and Introductions (10:12 a.m.)

Representative Sariñana welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Children, Youth and Families Department New Mexico Impact Project Status Report (10:15 a.m.)

Jason Habedank, deputy secretary, Department of Information Technology, and Joshua Fulkerson, Ph.D., New Mexico Impact deputy director, Children, Youth and Families Department, gave an update on the status of the Children, Youth and Families Department's New Mexico Impact project. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=STTC&Date=10/29/2026&ItemNumber=1.

Approval of Minutes (11:20 a.m.)

On a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the September 9-10, 2026 and October 7-8, 2026 meetings were approved without changes.

Virtual Power Plants: A Mechanism for Grid Power Source Stability in an Era of Multiple Power Sources (11:21 a.m.)

Michael Barrio, senior principal, Advanced Energy United, presented on virtual power plants and recommended that the state enact a framework to enable a virtual power plant program. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=STTC&Date=10/29/2026&ItemNumber=2.

Innovative Cybertech Development (1:08 p.m.)

Mark Miera, chief executive officer, Fugu Solutions; Louis Herrera, co-founder and chief operating officer, Fugu Solutions; and Yancy Fox, co-founder and chief technical officer, Fugu Solutions, discussed Fugu Solutions' cybersecurity technologies. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=STTC&Date=10/29/2026&ItemNumber=3.

Better User Experiences with Government Agency Websites: Best Practices for Design and Maintenance (1:49 p.m.)

Susan Wolfe, founder and principal, Leapfrog Studios, presented on goals and best practices for the design of state government websites. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=STTC&Date=10/29/2026&ItemNumber=4.

Legislative Proposals (2:24 p.m.)

Representative Lujan presented the Voice and Visual Likeness Rights Act, a proposed bill for the 2027 legislative session, and the committee discussed it.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.