

**2021 PROPOSED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE**

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Background

Created by statute (Sections 22-24-7 and 22-24-8 NMSA 1978), the Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force oversees the work of the Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) and the Public School Facilities Authority (PSFA) as they carry out the state's public school capital outlay program and other programs pursuant to the Public School Capital Outlay Act (PSCOA). Task force membership consists of 25 members (or their respective designees), with both legislative and public members determined by statute.

Work Plan

The task force will address the following statutory requirements during the 2021 interim:

1. oversee the work of the PSCOC and the PSFA as they perform functions pursuant to the PSCOA, particularly as the agencies implement the statewide process for making grant awards;
2. monitor the existing permanent revenue streams to ensure that they remain adequate long-term funding sources for public school capital outlay projects;
3. monitor the overall progress of bringing all public school facilities up to the statewide adequacy standards developed pursuant to provisions in the PSCOA; and

4. monitor the progress and effectiveness of programs administered pursuant to the PSCOA and the Public School Capital Improvements Act.

In addition, as time permits, the task force will:

5. monitor developments in the *Zuni* lawsuit and consider recommendations to meet court requirements;

6. consider the implementation of changes enacted by Laws 2021, Chapter 52 (House Bill 6: State Equalization Guarantee Distributions), including evaluating the implications of and providing input to the PSCOC rules for the definition of "unrestricted revenue used for capital expenditures";

7. review the broadband infrastructure funding for schools, including monitoring the establishment of a statewide education technology infrastructure network and other changes created by Laws 2021, Chapter 49 (Senate Bill 144: Remote Education Technology Infrastructure);

8. review the current capital outlay funding process and options for charter schools in New Mexico;

9. evaluate the proliferation of additional separate programs that the PSFA is tasked with administering in relation to the staffing resources available to the PSFA;

10. review strategies for improving the funding of maintenance costs for school facilities;

11. receive a report on special appropriations made for impact aid districts;

12. review the impact of funding for demolition allowed by Laws 2021, Chapter 27 (Senate Bill 43: Funding of Demolition of Abandoned Schools);

13. review developments in the needs and structure of funding for teacher housing, including how those developments have been impacted by recent legislation and new awards programs;

14. review the functioning of state adequacy standards, including how those standards pertain to small combined schools;

15. monitor response options of schools with declining bonding capacity; and

16. receive testimony on how early childhood education programs in public schools have impacted facility space needs and how those programs in public schools are expected to impact needs in the future.

**Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force
2021 Proposed Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 4	Video Conference
July 9	Santa Fe
August 16	Santa Fe
September 3	Santa Fe
October 25	Santa Fe