

**MINUTES  
of the  
SECOND MEETING  
of the  
COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**July 26-27, 2021  
State Capitol, Senate Chambers  
Santa Fe**

The second meeting of the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee was called to order by Representative Gail Chasey, co-chair, on July 26, 2021 at 9:34 a.m. in the Senate Chambers of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

**Present**

Sen. Joseph Cervantes, Co-Chair  
Rep. Gail Chasey, Co-Chair  
Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon (7/26)  
Rep. Karen C. Bash  
Sen. Daniel A. Ivey-Soto (7/26)  
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill  
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle  
Rep. William "Bill" R. Rehm  
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana  
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez

**Absent**

Rep. Zachary J. Cook  
Sen. Mark Moores  
Rep. Christine Trujillo

**Advisory Members**

Sen. Gregory A. Baca (7/26)  
Rep. Alonzo Baldonado  
Rep. Christine Chandler  
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo (7/26)  
Sen. Linda M. Lopez  
Rep. Georgene Louis  
Rep. Antonio Maestas (7/26)  
Rep. Roger E. Montoya  
Rep. Andrea Romero  
Sen. Mimi Stewart  
Sen. Peter Wirth

Rep. Deborah A. Armstrong  
Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena  
Sen. Jacob R. Candelaria  
Sen. Katy M. Duhigg  
Rep. Doreen Y. Gallegos  
Rep. T. Ryan Lane  
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero

**Staff**

Elisabeth Johnson, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)  
Sean Dolan, Staff Attorney, LCS  
Erin Bond, Research Assistant, LCS

## **Guests**

The guest list is in the meeting file.

## **Handouts**

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and are 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.

## **Monday, July 26**

### **Approval of Minutes**

The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting.

### **Update from the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA) (9:40 a.m.)**

Marcus Montoya, district attorney, Eighth Judicial District; Henry Valdez, director, AODA; Filemon Gonzales, chief financial officer, AODA; and Damian Bradford, information technology director, AODA, provided the committee with an update from the AODA.

### **Legislator Compensation (10:46 a.m.)**

Senator Ivey-Soto provided the committee with a presentation regarding legislator compensation. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=7/26/2021&ItemNumber=2>.

### **Review of Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) Criminal Justice System Analyses and Recommendations (1:43 p.m.)**

Ellen Rabin, senior fiscal analyst, LFC; Martha Becerra, fiscal analyst, LFC; and Jon Courtney, deputy director, Program Evaluation, LFC, provided the committee with a presentation regarding LFC criminal justice system analyses and recommendations. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/CCJ%20072621%20Item%203%20LFC%20Presentation%20to%20CCJ%20July%2026%20FINAL.pdf>.

**Update from New Mexico SAFE (2:50 p.m.)**

Kim Chavez Cook, appellate defender, Public Defender Department, and Rikki-Lee Chavez, New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, provided the committee with an update from New Mexico SAFE. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/CCJ%20072621%20Item%204%20NM%20SAFE%202021%20Leg%20Roadmap.pdf>.

**Police Accountability (3:27 p.m.)**

Barron Jones, senior policy strategist, American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico, and Lauren Bonds, legal director, National Police Accountability Project, provided the committee with a presentation regarding police accountability. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/CCJ%20072621%20Item%205%20Courts%20and%20Corrections%20and%20Justice%20Interim%20Committee.pdf>.

**Public Comment (3:56 p.m.)**

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

**Recess**

The committee recessed at 4:12 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 27****Law Enforcement Utilization of Technology (9:21 a.m.)**

Amber Widgery, program principal, Criminal Justice Program, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), and Arthur Wagner, policy analyst, Criminal Justice Program, NCSL, provided the committee with a presentation regarding law enforcement utilization of technology. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/CCJ%20072621%20Item%206%20Widgery%20Tech%20Slides%20final.pdf>.

**New Mexico Sentencing Commission (NMSC) Redraft of the Criminal Code (10:43 a.m.)**

Linda Freeman, executive director, NMSC, and Douglas Carver, deputy director, NMSC, provided the committee with a presentation regarding the redraft of the Criminal Code by the NMSC. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/CCJ%20072621%20Item%207%20CCUC%20memo%20to%20CCJ%2023%20July%202021.pdf>.

**Cannabis: Regulatory Structure (1:40 p.m.)**

Linda Trujillo, superintendent, Regulation and Licensing Department, provided the committee with a presentation regarding the regulatory structure of the cannabis legislation passed during the 2021 first special legislative session. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/CCJ%20072621%20Item%208%20Cannabis%20101%20-%20Courts,%20Corrections%20&%20Justice%20Committee.pdf>.

**Cannabis: Public Safety Issues (3:05 p.m.)**

Major W. Troy Weisler, deputy secretary, Department of Public Safety; Marcus J. Montoya, district attorney, Eighth Judicial District; and Ms. Chavez Cook provided the committee with a presentation regarding public safety issues associated with legislation passed during the 2021 first special legislative session.

**Public Comment**

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.