

Revised: September 6, 2024

**TENTATIVE AGENDA  
for the  
SIXTH MEETING  
of the  
COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**September 9-11, 2024  
Northern New Mexico College  
921 North Paseo de Onate  
Espanola**

**Monday, September 9**

- 9:30 a.m.           **Call to Order and Introductions**  
—Representative Christine Chandler, Chair  
—Senator Joseph Cervantes, Vice Chair
- 9:45 a.m.       (1)   **Welcome and Northern Rising Update**  
—Hector Balderas, President, Northern New Mexico College
- 10:15 a.m.       (2)   **Briefing on Local Law Enforcement**  
—Billy A. Merrifield, Sheriff, Rio Arriba County  
—Major Lorenzo Aguilar, Rio Arriba County Sheriff's Office  
—Roger Trujillo, Interim Chief of Police, Ohkay Owingeh Police  
Department  
—Mitchell Maestas, Chief of Police, Pueblo of Santa Clara Police  
Department  
—Freddie Trujillo, Police Chief, Pueblo of Pojoaque Police Department
- 11:15 a.m.       (3)   **The Struggle of the Alianza Tenant Union at Las Lomas Apartments**  
—Dylan Schwaegel, Representative, Alianza Tenant Union
- 12:00 noon       **Working Lunch**  
(4)   **Briefing on the Espanola Pathways Shelter**  
—Dena Moscola, Executive Director, Espanola Pathways Shelter  
—Rob Vigil, Program Director, Eagle Village Recovery Housing
- 12:45 p.m.       (5)   **Espanola's Affordable Housing Crisis: Preserving Subsidized Housing  
in Rural New Mexico**  
—Wolf Bomgardner, Economic Equity Attorney, New Mexico Center on  
Law and Poverty

1:30 p.m. (6) [Housing Stability Context and Policies to Address Housing Stability](#)  
—Allison Freedman, Co-Founder, New Mexico Center for Housing Law (NMCHL)  
—Elizabeth Elia, Co-Founder, NMCHL  
—Serge Martinez, Co-Founder, NMCHL

3:30 p.m. (7) [Preserving Affordable Housing in New Mexico: Modernizing State Laws for Sustainable Manufactured Home Communities](#)  
—Maria Griego, Economic Equity Attorney, New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty  
—Joanne DeMichele, Resident, Silver City

4:30 p.m. **Committee Discussion**

5:00 p.m. **Public Comment\***

5:15 p.m. **Recess**

## **Tuesday, September 10**

9:30 a.m. **Reconvene**

9:35 a.m. (8) [Blood Draws and Video Confrontation: Practical Issues in DWI Law](#)  
—Kurtis Ward, Lieutenant, New Mexico State Police  
—Brianna A. Bigej, Attorney, Department of Public Safety  
—Representative Andrea Reeb

10:50 a.m. (9) [Partners for Reentry Opportunity in Workforce Development \(PROWD\)](#)  
—Nina Chavez, Director, Government Relations, Goodwill Industries of New Mexico (GINM)  
—Sesha Lee, Chief Services Officer, GINM  
—Ralph Martinez, Formerly Incarcerated Individual, Community Leader  
—Lisa Ortiz, Northern Area Local Workforce Development Board (NALWDB)

11:50 a.m. **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. (10) [New Mexico Justice Reinvestment Initiative Working Group: Key Data Findings](#)  
—Mackenzie Kushner, Ph.D., Data and Policy Specialist, Criminal Justice Institute (CJI)  
—Colleen Bogonovich, L.C.S.W., Senior Policy Specialist, CJI

- 2:00 p.m. (11) [New Mexico Association of Counties 2025 Legislative Priorities](#)  
—Joy Esparsen, Executive Director, New Mexico Association of Counties  
—Grace Philips, Risk Management Director, New Mexico Association of Counties  
—Katherine Carroll, Government Relations, New Mexico Association of Counties
- 3:00 p.m. (12) [Strengthening Municipal Governments, Modernization of the Municipal Code and the Inspection of Public Records Act](#)  
—A.J. Forte, Executive Director, New Mexico Municipal League (NMML)  
—Alison Nichols, Director of Policy, NMML
- 4:00 p.m. **Committee Discussion**
- 4:30 p.m. **Public Comment\***
- 4:45 p.m. **Recess**

**Wednesday, September 11**

- 9:00 a.m. **Reconvene**
- 9:05 a.m. (13) [Child Maltreatment and Policy Solutions to Reduce Child Maltreatment](#)  
—Rachel Mercer-Garcia, Principal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee
- 10:05 a.m. (14) [Kevin S. Settlement](#)  
—Bette Fleishman, Executive Director, Pegasus Legal Services for Children  
—Sara Crecca, Esq.
- 11:05 a.m. (15) [Governance, Oversight and Accountability: Legislative Opportunities in Child Welfare](#)  
—Jenna Bannon, Associate Director, Children and Families Program, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)  
—Hannah Ditzenberger, Policy Associate, Children and Families Program, NCSL
- 12:05 p.m. **Committee Discussion**
- 12:35 p.m. **Adjourn**

\*Members of the public may make virtual public comments during the public comment period of the meeting by following the instructions under the "Virtual Public Comment" section of the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee [web page](#).