

**MINUTES  
of the  
SECOND MEETING  
of the  
TOBACCO SETTLEMENT REVENUE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**August 22, 2024  
University of New Mexico  
Business and Communications Building  
Project ECHO Whale/Dolphin Conference Room  
1650 University Boulevard NE  
Albuquerque**

The second meeting of the Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee was called to order by Senator Martin Hickey, chair, on August 22, 2024 at 10:15 a.m. at the University of New Mexico (UNM) in Albuquerque.

**Present**

Sen. Martin Hickey, Chair  
Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary, Vice Chair  
Sen. Linda M. López  
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson

**Absent**

Sen. Gregg Schmedes  
Rep. James G. Townsend

**Advisory Members**

Rep. Gail Chasey

Sen. Shannon D. Pinto  
Rep. Luis M. Terrazas

**Staff**

Sean Dolan, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)  
Erika Falance, Staff, LCS

**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](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.

**Thursday, August 22**

**Welcome and Introductions (10:15 a.m.)**

Senator Hickey and Representative Ferrary welcomed members of the committee and the public to the meeting, and committee members introduced themselves.

**UNM Welcome and Funding Overview (10:18 a.m.)**

Rebecca Napier, chief financial officer, UNM Health Sciences Center, and Yolanda Sanchez, Ph.D., director, UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center, provided an update on how money from the state's tobacco settlement funds are used for UNM health programs to help the residents of New Mexico. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TSROC&Date=8/22/2024&ItemNumber=1>.

**UNM Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Information (11:53 a.m.)**

Randall Starling, Ph.D., program manager, Campus Office of Substance and Alcohol Prevention, UNM, and Ronica Martinez, M.D., medical director, Student Health and Counseling, UNM, provided a presentation on tobacco use among UNM students and the resources the university provides for students who want to quit smoking. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TSROC&Date=8/22/2024&ItemNumber=2>.

**Tobacco Cessation: Medicaid Interventions (10:57 a.m.)**

Alanna Dancis, chief medical officer, Medical Assistance Division, Health Care Authority, provided an update on Medicaid services to prevent tobacco use, best practices for Medicaid tobacco cessation programs and Turquoise Care interventions currently in practice. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TSROC&Date=8/22/2024&ItemNumber=3>.

**Youth Vaping Data from Across the Country (1:33 p.m.)**

Tammy Hill, project manager, Health, National Conference of State Legislatures, provided a presentation on national youth vaping data and trends, state prevention and intervention considerations and studies about tobacco cessation programs' returns on investment. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TSROC&Date=8/22/2024&ItemNumber=4>.

**Panel on Statewide Collaboration for Tobacco Prevention, Cessation and Regulation (2:26 p.m.)**

Phillip Sanchez, director, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, Regulation and Licensing Department; Leisha Ortiz, chief, Population and Community Health Bureau, Center for Healthy and Safe Communities, Department of Health (DOH); Janis Gonzales, M.D., M.P.H., director, Center for Healthy and Safe Communities, DOH; Arya Lamb, director, Policy and Communications Division, DOH; Christopher Harris, marketing director, Policy and Communications Division, DOH; and Anne Marlow-Geter, deputy director, Safe and Healthy Schools Bureau, Public Education Department, provided an update on the current and future plans for the DOH's Nicotine Use Prevention and Control program, enforcement programs within the state and initiatives for schools to prevent tobacco use among students. The committee and panel discussed how these organizations can collaborate in the future to make a greater impact on tobacco prevention and cessation in New Mexico. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TSROC&Date=8/22/2024&ItemNumber=5>.

**Public Comment (4:31 p.m.)**

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

**Approval of Minutes (4:34 p.m.)**

On a motion made, seconded and duly passed, the minutes of the June 10, 2024 meeting were approved.

**Motion to Send Letters (4:34 p.m.)**

On a motion made, seconded and duly passed, the committee voted to send two letters to the State Department of Justice and the State Board of Finance.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.