

2026 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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Work Plan

The Science, Technology and Telecommunications Committee was created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on April 17, 2026. As time permits, the committee proposes to continue its oversight role regarding the state's information technology projects; developments at the national laboratories in the state; and the science and technological programs at the state's research universities. It also proposes to continue to examine issues regarding the development of broadband infrastructure, the telecommunications market and development of the science- and technology-based economic sector within the state. In particular, the committee proposes to receive the following presentations:

- A. an update from the Office of Broadband Access and Expansion regarding the status of high-speed broadband access by region, all funding sources available for broadband infrastructure and current projects underway;
- B. regular updates from the Cybersecurity Office and the status of bringing all state-funded agencies into compliance with security standards;
- C. reports from the Economic Development Department and other agencies regarding the deployment of quantum computing and the related components of building a quantum computing economy;
- D. the impacts of use of artificial intelligence in the business sector, government and public life in general, including:

(1) use for price surveillance and government purposes, such as non-emergency 311 calls, and the potential for deepfake regulation;

(2) the development of artificial intelligence governance policy in public institutions; and

(3) the development of state and federal laws regarding the use of artificial intelligence;

E. the cybersecurity environment for public institutions and the private sector and approaches to developing greater cybersecurity literacy in the workforce and the general public;

F. information technology governance issues, including:

(1) updating state agency management of software projects;

(2) user-friendly website design for state agencies;

(3) data sharing among government agencies; and

(4) consumer data protection;

G. development of New Mexico's science and technology business sector, including aerospace, quantum computing and emerging power plant industries and development;

H. developments in fusion and modular nuclear power plant technology, including waste management and uranium mining remediation; and

I. the use of machine learning in law enforcement and how use of that technology is coordinated between the Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement agencies.

**Science, Technology and Telecommunications Committee
2026 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 20	Santa Fe
June 23-24	Crownpoint
August 10-11	Socorro
September 9-10	Albuquerque
October 7-8	Los Alamos
October 29	Santa Fe