

MINUTES
of the
FIRST MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

May 15, 2026
State Capitol, Room 307
Santa Fe

The first meeting of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee was called to order by Representative Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson, chair, on Friday, May 15, 2026, at 12:05 p.m. in Room 307 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson, Chair
Sen. Linda M. López, Vice Chair
Rep. Eleanor Chávez
Rep. Pamelya Herndon
Rep. Jenifer Jones

Absent

Sen. Jay C. Block
Sen. Larry R. Scott
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez

Advisory Members

Rep. Marianna Anaya
Rep. Kathleen Cates
Rep. Tara L. Lujan
Rep. Alan T. Martinez
Sen. Harold Pope
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics
Sen. Rex Wilson

Rep. John Block
Rep. Christine Chandler
Sen. Angel M. Charley
Rep. Nicole Chavez
Sen. Katy Duhigg
Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Miguel P. García
Rep. Anita Gonzales
Sen. Martin Hickey
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Rep. Elaine Sena Cortez
Rep. Sarah Silva
Rep. Reena Szczepanski
Rep. E. Diane Torres-Velásquez

Staff

Zander Dawson, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Ian Keller, Staff Attorney, LCS
Grace Balderamos, 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, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and committee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Friday, May 15

Welcome and Introductions (12:05 p.m.)

Representative Thomson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Committee members introduced themselves.

2026 Work Plan and Meeting Schedule: Presentation and Member Discussion (12:11 p.m.)

Committee members proposed topics for the committee to prioritize during the 2026 interim. Broad areas of focus included behavioral health, child welfare, issues related to people with disabilities and accessibility, domestic violence, sexual assault, environmental impacts on health and health care, health care consumer protections, the health care workforce, housing, Medicaid, nutrition and rural health care. Committee members suggested potential meeting locations.

Public Comment (1:31 p.m.)

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

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.