



**MINUTES
of the
FOUR-HUNDRED-THIRTIETH MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**January 19, 2026
State Capitol, Room 307
Santa Fe**

The four-hundred-thirtieth meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order by Representative Javier Martínez, co-chair, on January 19, 2026 at 1:39 p.m. in Room 307 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Rep. Javier Martínez, Co-Chair
Sen. Mimi Stewart, Co-Chair
Rep. Gail Armstrong
Sen. Pete Campos
Rep. Christine Chandler
Rep. Rebecca Dow
Sen. Katy Duhigg
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Doreen Y. Gallegos
Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil
Rep. Alan T. Martinez
Sen. Michael Padilla
Sen. William E. Sharer
Rep. Reena Szczepanski
Sen. Peter Wirth
Sen. Pat Woods

Absent

Special Advisory Members Present

Sen. Angel M. Charley
Sen. Natalie Figueroa
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Rep. Andrea Romero
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson

Special Advisory Members Absent

Sen. Craig W. Brandt

Staff

Shawna Casebier, Director, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Randall Cherry, Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, LCS
Monica Ewing, Assistant Director for Drafting Services, LCS
Anesa Serna-Espinoza, Assistant Director for Administration, LCS
Jeret Fleetwood, Project Coordinator, LCS

Sara Wiedmaier, Researcher, LCS
Domenica Nieto, Research Assistant, LCS
Gabriel Suazo, Intern, LCS

Welcome and Introductions

Representative Martínez called the meeting to order, and Mr. Fleetwood called the roll.

Session Security Report from State Police

Major Alexander Rodriguez, New Mexico State Police, provided an overview of the state police detail providing security for the second session of the fifty-seventh legislature. He explained that the overall budget for the detail was \$368,583.12, which would provide for two sergeants and 23 officers. Major Rodriguez noted that the number of officers provided has slightly increased since the last session, which will allow the detail to address security concerns identified during the 2025 session.

Representative Martínez thanked the state police for their work.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made and passed unanimously, the council adopted the minutes of the December 5, 2025 meeting as submitted.

Pre-Session Mileage and Per Diem Approvals

Ms. Casebier stated that Legislative Council approval is required for the Legislative Council Service to pay mileage and per diem to members of the House Appropriations and Finance Committee (HAFC) and the Senate Finance Committee (SFC) for their attendance at the pre-session meetings of those standing committees. This payment would be made from the pre-session budget.

On a motion made and passed unanimously, the council approved paying the mileage and per diem for HAFC and SFC members to attend their respective meetings.

Staff Reports

Ms. Casebier stated that the implementation of the one-time salary adjustments for district legislative aides (DLAs) was underway and will be in effect for the current pay period. She noted that five DLAs have resigned to work as session staff.

Ms. Casebier discussed the progress of projects in the State Capitol, including the completion of the universal restroom with an adult changing table and the lactation room on the fourth floor, the installation of new kiosks on the ground floor and the implementation of voice-over-internet-protocol phones for all legislators and staff.

Ms. Casebier noted that the LCS takes its statutory duty of confidentiality seriously and may ask legislators to clarify who has access to their files to maintain this duty. She also noted that the LCS has created a dedicated email address, lcsdrafting@nmlegis.gov, for use by

legislators and authorized staff to request the opening of a drafting file, although legislators and staff are always welcome to contact drafting staff directly for this purpose.

Representative Martínez expressed concern that there have been delays in drafting and stated that the Legislative Council would like to support the LCS with resources to hire more staff.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.