

MINUTES
of the
NINETIETH MEETING
of the
PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE

September 25, 2023
State Capitol, Room 322
Santa Fe

The ninetieth meeting of the Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force was called to order by Senator William P. Soules, chair, on Monday, September 25, 2023, at 10:06 a.m. in Room 322 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Sen. William P. Soules, Chair
Sondra Adams
Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Rep. Jack Chatfield
Scott Elder
Sen. Stuart Ingle
Julie Lucero
Cindy Montoya
Antonio Ortiz, Designee for Secretary of
Public Education Arsenio Romero
Amber L. Romero
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.
Rep. Nathan P. Small
Sen. Mimi Stewart

Absent

Rep. G. Andrés Romero, Vice Chair
Johnny Benavidez
LeAnne Gandy
Rep. Javier Martínez
Rep. Tanya Mirabal Moya
Sen. George K. Muñoz
Brandy Murphy
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Wayne Propst
Stan Rounds
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez
Karen Sanchez-Griego

Advisory Members

Rep. Brian G. Baca
Rep. Ambrose Castellano
Rep. Yanira Gurrola
Sen. Leo Jaramillo
Sen. Michael Padilla
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle

Staff

Clinton Turner, Research and Fiscal Policy Analyst, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Sheila Keleher, Researcher, LCS
Yessica Marquina, Intern, 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 task force meeting, which can be found at www.nmlegis.gov, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and task force discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Monday, September 25

Welcome and Introductions (10:06 a.m.)

Senator Soules welcomed task force members and guests to the meeting, and members and staff introduced themselves.

Public School Facilities Authority (PSFA) Update (10:09 a.m.)

Martica Casias, executive director, PSFA, and Ryan Parks, deputy director, PSFA, answered questions from the task force, including concerns about rising construction costs impacting the completion of capital projects.

House Joint Memorial 7 (2023) — Current Conditions and Funding Structure of Public School Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Systems (10:13 a.m.)

Ms. Casias and Andrew Martinez, facilities database manager, PSFA, reviewed House Joint Memorial 7 (2023) and the Public School Capital Outlay Council awards program for heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/PSCO%20092523%20Item%202%20Statewide%20HVAC%20Conditions.pdf>.

School Kitchen Infrastructure Improvement Funding for Healthy, Universal School Meals (10:37 a.m.)

Kendal Chavez, food and hunger advisor, Office of the Governor, and Wesley Billingsley, director, Local Government Division, Department of Finance and Administration, reviewed Senate Bill 4 (2023), which ensures that all students in public school districts, charter schools, United States Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Education schools and tribally controlled schools are eligible for free, healthy meals. Mr. Billingsley outlined the criteria and funding process for school districts to apply for funding related to cafeteria and kitchen infrastructure improvements. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/PSCO%20092523%20Item%203%20Healthy%20Universal%20School%20Meals.pdf>.

Capital Funding Waiver Criteria (11:11 a.m.)

Ms. Casias and Alyce Ramos, programs manager, PSFA, outlined the local match reductions (waivers) and the capital funding waiver criteria for school districts. Kodi Sumpter, superintendent, Des Moines Municipal School District; Johnna Bruhn, superintendent, Mosquero Municipal School District; Gene Strickland, superintendent, Hobbs Municipal School District; and Melissa Sandoval, superintendent, Penasco Independent School District, addressed the impact that the waiver process has had on their respective school districts. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=PSCO&Date=9/25/2023&ItemNumber=4>.

Approval of Minutes (1:13 p.m.)

On a motion made and seconded, and without objection, the task force approved the minutes of the August 25, 2023 meeting.

Career Technical Education (CTE) and Adequacy Standards (1:13 p.m.)

Ms. Casias and Mr. Parks reviewed the adequacy standards for CTE programs and reviewed comments received from school districts regarding current standards. Curtis Clough, superintendent, Hagerman Municipal School District, and Mr. Strickland discussed the CTE programs in their districts and the impact of the adequacy standards. Gwen Perea Warniment, director, Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC), and Jessica Hathaway, senior policy analyst, LESL, reviewed funding that the state legislature appropriated for CTE programs in fiscal year 2024, as well as federal funding awarded through the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 in fiscal year 2023. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=PSCO&Date=9/25/2023&ItemNumber=5>.

Funding Technology with Capital Resources (2:00 p.m.)

Mary Montoya, chief information officer, Public Education Department (PED), and John Chadwick, digital equity and e-rate coordinator, PED, discussed House Bill 401 (2023), the Digital Equity in Education Act, which addresses the *Yazzie/Martinez* lawsuit. Neal Weaver, Ph.D., chief information and strategy officer, Santa Fe Public School District, and Sam Snoddy, director, Gadsden Independent School District, discussed teacher scholarships for integrating technology in classrooms and the need for increased funding for student technology and connectivity. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/PSCO%20092523%20Item%206%20-%20PED%20Fund%20Tech%20with%20Capital.pdf>.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the task force, the meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.