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of the
FOURTH MEETING
of the
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

September 9-10, 2026
Central New Mexico Community College-Montoya Campus
Richard R. Barr Hall, Room 105
4700 Morris Street NE
Albuquerque

The fourth meeting of the Science, Technology and Telecommunications Committee was called to order by Senator Heather Berghmans, chair, on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 10:13 a.m. in Richard R. Barr Hall at the Central New Mexico Community College (CNM)-Montoya campus in Albuquerque.

Present
Sen. Heather Berghmans, Chair
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana, Vice Chair
Rep. Joy Garratt
Rep. Anita Gonzales
Rep. Tara L. Lujan (9/10)
Rep. Alan T. Martinez (9/10)
Sen. Michael Padilla (9/9)
Sen. Harold Pope
Sen. William P. Soules
Sen. Anthony L. Thornton
Sen. Nicole Tobiassen

Absent
Rep. Joshua N. Hernandez

Advisory
Rep. Janelle Anyanonu (9/10)
Sen. Jay C. Block (9/10)
Rep. Gail Armstrong
Rep. Christine Chandler
Rep. Meredith A. Dixon
Rep. Yanira Gurrola
Rep. Charlotte Little

Sen. Larry R. Scott
Rep. Linda Serrato
Rep. Sarah Silva
Sen. James G. Townsend
Sen. Linda M. Trujillo

(Attendance dates are noted for those members not present for the entire meeting.)

Staff

Mark Edwards, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Joanne Montague, Senior Legislative Librarian, LCS
William Mason, 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.

Wednesday, September 9

Welcome and Introductions (10:13 a.m.)

Senator Berghmans welcomed everyone to the meeting. Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

Welcome and Status Update (10:17 a.m.)

Tracy Hartzler, president, CNM, and Annette Chavez-De La Cruz, board president, CNM, welcomed the committee and gave an update on CNM's programs and plans.

Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) Status Update (10:55 a.m.)

David Gibson, deputy laboratories director and chief operating officer, SNL, presented on SNL's mission and activities and its contributions to the state. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=STTC&Date=9/9/2026&ItemNumber=2.

Approval of Minutes (11:57 a.m.)

On a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the August 10-11, 2026 meeting were approved without changes.

Current Status of Fusion Technology Development (1:07 p.m.)

Daniel Sinars, Ph.D., director, Chief Research Office, SNL, gave an overview of nuclear fusion technology, its present level of development and its future potential. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=STTC&Date=9/9/2026&ItemNumber=3.

Pacific Fusion 2026 Update (2:27 p.m.)

Matt Pahl, New Mexico lead, External Affairs, Pacific Fusion, presented on Pacific Fusion's operations in New Mexico and plans for further development. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=STTC&Date=9/9/2026&ItemNumber=4.

City of Albuquerque: Automated Speed Enforcement (3:19 p.m.)

Jennifer Turner, director, Municipal Development, City of Albuquerque; Valerie Hermanson, transportation planning manager, City of Albuquerque; Todd Jackson, chief technical officer, Mesa Technologies; and Scott Stewart, sales director, Elovate, discussed the City of Albuquerque's installation and implementation of automated speed cameras. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=STTC&Date=9/9/2026&ItemNumber=5.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 4:10 p.m.

Thursday, September 10

Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 9:04 a.m.

Technology and Innovation Division (TID) and Science and Technology Roadmap (9:05 a.m.)

Nora Meyers Sackett, director, TID, Economic Development Department, gave an update on the TID's efforts to support and coordinate technological and economic development in the state. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=STTC&Date=9/9/2026&ItemNumber=6.

New Mexico Technology Council (NMTC) Status Update (10:07 a.m.)

Beverlie Frazier, chief executive officer (CEO), NMTC, and Amanda Giannini, fund manager, Ingenuity Venture Fund, CNM Ingenuity, Inc., and board member, NMTC, presented an overview of the NMTC's activities to support the state's technology industry. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=STTC&Date=9/9/2026&ItemNumber=7.

CAMINO Collaborative: Advanced Manufacturing and Workforce Development Initiative (10:21 a.m.)

Julie Henrich, CEO, Heinrich Consulting Group, and strategic advisor, CAMINO Collaborative; Brian Rashap, Ph.D., director, Quantum Workforce Development, CNM; and Craig Mayberry, director of manufacturing, planning and quality, Kairos Power, presented on the recently inaugurated CAMINO Collaborative, a planned advanced manufacturing campus in Albuquerque. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=STTC&Date=9/9/2026&ItemNumber=8.

Quantum Ecosystem (12:34 p.m.)

Jake Douglass, federal capture director, IonQ, and Jessi Olsen, CEO, Elevate Quantum, gave an overview of the quantum computing and quantum technology economy in the state. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=STTC&Date=9/9/2026&ItemNumber=9.

Emerging Housing and Building Technology: Balancing Affordability, Fire Resilience and Energy and Water Efficiency (1:18 p.m.)

Miles Conway, CEO, New Mexico Home Builders Association, and secretary and treasurer, Housing Abundance Coalition; Brian McCarthy, owner, Abrazo Homes and RIoT Technology, Inc.; and Chance Mitchell, president, Fortified New Mexico, discussed modular housing and smart home technology. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=STTC&Date=9/9/2026&ItemNumber=10.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Tour of CNM Quantum and IoT Bootcamp (2:37 p.m.)

Members of the committee and committee staff toured CNM's quantum bootcamp.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.