

**Legislative Education Study Committee
State Capitol, Room 322
Santa Fe, New Mexico
December 17-19, 2025**

Wednesday, December 17

- 9:00 (1) Call to Order, Introductions, and Approval of December Agenda and November Minutes.
- 9:05 (2) School Climate: Supporting Student Success. **Conor L. Hicks**, Policy Analyst, LESC; **Yvonne Garcia**, Deputy Secretary of Student Support Services, Public Education Department (PED); **Soña Saiz**, Ph.D., Behavioral Health Manager, Safe and Healthy Schools Bureau, PED
- 10:30 (3) School Improvement Update. **Amanda DeBell**, Deputy Secretary of Teaching, Learning, and Innovation, PED
- 12:00 Lunch.
- 1:00 (4) Local and State Long-Term Financial Planning through Strategic Resource Management. **Daniel Estupiñan**, Senior Fiscal Analyst II, LESC; **Amanda DeBell**, Deputy Secretary of Teaching, Learning, and Innovation, Public Education Department (PED); **Yvonne Garcia**, Deputy Secretary of Student Support Services, PED
- 2:30 (5) Educator Fellows: An Update. **Amanda DeBell**, Deputy Secretary of Teaching, Learning, and Innovation, PED; **Denise Beutel, Ph.D.**, Manager of Educator Pathways Bureau, PED
- 4:00 (6) [Public Comment.](#)
- 4:30 Recess.

Thursday, December 18

- 9:00 (7) 2026 Legislative Budget and Policy Priorities: New Mexico Education Partners and Stakeholders.
- 9:00 – 9:15: Joint Partner Priorities
- 9:15 – 9:30: New Mexico School Board Association
- 9:30 – 9:45: New Mexico Coalition of Education Leaders and New Mexico School Superintendents' Association
- 9:45 – 10:00: National Education Association New Mexico

10:00 – 10:15: Albuquerque Teachers Federation and American Federation of Teachers New Mexico

10:15 – 10:30: New Mexico Parent Teacher Association

10:30 – 10:45: Public Charter Schools of New Mexico

10:45 – 11:30 Member Questions

11:30 (8) Lunch.

1:00 (9) FY27 LESC Budget Proposals. **Daniel Estupiñan**, Senior Fiscal Analyst II, LESC

2:30 (10) 2026 Session LESC Endorsed Legislation Proposals. **John Sena**, Director, LESC

4:00 Recess.

Friday, December 19

9:00 (11) 520 Native American Language and Culture Certification. **Natasha Davalos**, Policy Analyst, LESC; **KatieAnn Juanico**, Assistant Secretary, Indian Education Division, PED; **Patricia Trujillo, Ph.D.**, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, Higher Education Department (HED)

10:00 (12) PED Administrative Rule Update. **Saraí Ortiz**, Policy Analyst, LESC

11:00 (13) Director's Report. **John Sena**, Director, LESC

- Newsletter
- Personnel Update
- Budget Update

11:30 Adjourn.