

**MINUTES
of the
FIFTH MEETING
of the
FEDERAL FUNDING STABILIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

**October 20, 2025
New Mexico State University
Golf Course, Banquet Room
3000 Herb Wimberly Drive
Las Cruces**

**October 21, 2025
Sunland Park Multigenerational Center
4700 McNutt Road
Santa Teresa**

**October 22, 2025
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The fifth meeting of the Federal Funding Stabilization Subcommittee was called to order by Senator William P. Soules, co-chair, on October 20, 2025 at 9:10 a.m. at the New Mexico State University (NMSU) Golf Course in Las Cruces.

Present

Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom, Co-Chair
(10/20, 10/21)
Sen. William P. Soules, Co-Chair
Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown
Rep. Mark Duncan
Rep. Raymundo Lara
Sen. James G. Townsend
Sen. Linda M. Trujillo

Absent

Rep. Susan K. Herrera
Sen. George K. Muñoz
Sen. Pat Woods

Advisory Members

Sen. Linda M. López (10/20, 10/21)
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto (10/20, 10/21)

Rep. Meredith A. Dixon
Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil
Sen. Cindy Nava
Rep. Reena Szczepanski

Staff

Clinton Turner, Fiscal Policy Analyst, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Sean Dolan, Staff Attorney, LCS
Sabina Gaynor, Staff Attorney, 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 subcommittee meeting, which can be found at www.nmlegis.gov, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and subcommittee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Monday, October 20 — Las Cruces

Welcome and Introductions (9:10 a.m.)

Senator Soules welcomed everyone, and subcommittee members introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes (9:14 a.m.)

On a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes from the August 28, 2025 meeting were approved.

Welcoming Remarks and NMSU System Update (9:16 a.m.)

Monica Torres, chancellor, Dona Ana Community College, provided welcoming remarks and discussed the NMSU system update.

2025 1st Special Session Review and Federal Funds Update (9:54 a.m.)

Harry Rommel, Legislative Health and Human Services Committee fiscal analyst, Legislative Finance Committee, provided a presentation on the federal budget, spending and shutdown and an update on state finances following the 2025 first special session. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=ZFFSS&Date=10/20/2025&ItemNumber=2>.

Federal Funding in New Mexico Higher Education Institutions (11:01 a.m.)

James Johnston, chair, Council of University Presidents, and president, Eastern New Mexico University, and Carol Linder, president, Luna Community College, provided a presentation on changes in federal funding for state higher education institutions. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=ZFFSS&Date=10/20/2025&ItemNumber=3>.

Higher Education Research Funding Impacts (1:04 p.m.)

Lique Coolen, vice president of research, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology; Patricia Sullivan, Ph.D., interim vice president for research, NMSU; Ellen Fisher, vice president for research, University of New Mexico (UNM); and Hengameh Raissy, vice president for research and professor of pediatrics, UNM Health Sciences Center, provided a presentation on the impact of shifting federal funding on research at state higher education institutions. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=ZFFSS&Date=10/20/2025&ItemNumber=4>.

Impact of Federal Instability on New Mexico's Research Ecosystem (2:41 p.m.)

Ganesh Balakrishnan, director, New Mexico Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (NM EPSCoR), and Selena Connealy, associate director, NM EPSCoR, provided a presentation on efforts to provide financial support for state researchers in light of federal funding instability. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=ZFFSS&Date=10/20/2025&ItemNumber=5>.

Overview of Impacts Across New Mexico Higher Education Institutions (3:17 p.m.)

Gerald Hoehne, chief of staff, Higher Education Department (HED), and Brittany Shaughnessy, data analyst, HED, provided a presentation on the impacts of changing federal funding on state higher education. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=ZFFSS&Date=10/20/2025&ItemNumber=6>.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 3:59 p.m.

Tuesday, October 21 — Santa Teresa

Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 9:18 a.m.

Overview of Projects and Progress in Santa Teresa (9:18 a.m.)

Jerry Pacheco, president, The Border Industrial Association, provided a presentation on economic development projects occurring in Santa Teresa. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=ZFFSS&Date=10/20/2025&ItemNumber=7>.

Shutdown of Cattle Crossings (10:30 a.m.)

Daniel Manzanares, executive director, Union Ganadera (Santa Teresa Cattle Crossing), provided a presentation on the impacts of the shutdown of the Santa Teresa Cattle Crossing. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=ZFFSS&Date=10/20/2025&ItemNumber=8>.

Current and Anticipated Tariff Impacts (11:28 a.m.)

Nate Duhl, plant manager, Monti, Incorporated; Alex Sierra, former manager, Acme Mills; and Guillermo Lopez, managing director, Monarch Litho Inc., provided a presentation on the current and anticipated impacts of tariff changes.

Update on and Review of Border-Area Logistics and Transportation (12:05 p.m.)

Kacy Robinson, vice president of operations, MVT Logistics, and Dennis Melonas, account executive, Aries Worldwide Logistics, provided a presentation on logistics and transportation changes along New Mexico's border with Mexico. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=ZFFSS&Date=10/20/2025&ItemNumber=10>.

Tour of Santa Teresa Industrial Base (12:38 p.m.)

Members of the subcommittee and staff toured the Santa Teresa Industrial Base.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 22 — Las Cruces**Reconvene**

The meeting reconvened at 9:12 a.m.

Public Comment (9:13 a.m.)

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

Impacts and Responses to New Mexicans' Housing, Food and Health (9:17 a.m.)

Nicole Martinez, executive director, Mesilla Valley Community of Hope; Lorenzo Alba, Jr., executive director, Casa de Peregrinos; Katy Anderson, vice president, Roadrunner Food Bank, Inc.; Jill Dixon, executive director, The Food Depot; Virgil Medina, chief executive officer, La Clinica de Familia; and John Andazola, M.D., chief medical officer, La Clinica de

Familia, provided presentations on their organizations' impacts and responses to the state's housing, food and health needs. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=ZFFSS&Date=10/20/2025&ItemNumber=11>.

Underlying Community and Family Issues, Collaborating and Serving Rural and Frontier Communities (10:32 a.m.)

Kasandra A. Gandara, founder, Dona Ana County Resilience Leaders; Brian Kavanaugh, chief executive officer, Families and Youth Innovations Plus; and Joseph Hill, public health and health council specialist, New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils, provided presentations on issues faced by their organizations in providing services to rural communities. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=ZFFSS&Date=10/20/2025&ItemNumber=12>.

Nonprofit Overview: Economic Impact and Funder Capacity; Support for Families; and Nonprofit-Government Collaboration (11:14 a.m.)

Terra V. Winter, Ph.D., president, Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico; Dawn Hommer, chief executive officer, Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico; and Tsiporah Nephesh, executive director, New Mexico Thrives, provided presentations on the general work of nonprofit entities and how the legislature can aid collaborations between nonprofit entities and the government. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=ZFFSS&Date=10/20/2025&ItemNumber=13>.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.