

**Legislative Education Study Committee
New Mexico Highlands University
Las Vegas, New Mexico
July 23-25, 2025**

Wednesday, July 23

- 9:00 (1) Call to Order, Introductions, and Approval of July Agenda and June Minutes.
- 9:15 (2) Community Welcome. **Christopher Gutierrez**, Superintendent, West Las Vegas School District; **Melissa Sandoval**, Superintendent, Las Vegas City Schools
- 10:30 (3) Artificial Intelligence. **Tim Bedeaux**, Senior Policy Analyst II, LESC; **Jaycie Homer**, Teacher, Lovington Municipal Schools; **Francine Binnert**, Librarian, Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School; **Paige Prescott**, Executive Director, Computer Science Alliance; **Andrew Procter**, Student, East Mountain High School
- 12:00 Lunch.
- 1:00 (4) Improving Math: Policy and Practice. **Jessica Hathaway**, Deputy Director, LESC
- 2:00 (5) Public Education Department Math Initiatives. **Shafiq Chaudry**, PED (Invited)
- 3:00 (6) New Mexico Highlands University Teacher Preparation. **Geri Glover, Ph.D., LPCC, NCC, RPT-S**, Interim Dean, School of Education, New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU);
- 4:00 Recess

Thursday, July 24

- 9:00 (7) Public Education Reform Fund Update. **Tim Bedeaux**, Senior Policy Analyst, LESC; **LFC Staff (Invited)**
- 9:30 (8) High Impact Tutoring. **Conor L. Hicks**, Policy Analyst, LESC; PED (Invited); SOAR Lab (Invited)
- 10:45 (9) Superintendent Panel. **Jessica Hathaway**, Deputy Director, LESC; **Debra Sena-Holton**, Superintendent, Pecos Independent School District; **Melissa Sandoval**, Superintendent, Las Vegas City Schools (Invited); **Christopher Gutierrez**, Superintendent, West Las Vegas School District (Invited); **Kodi Sumpter**, Superintendent, Des Moines Municipal Schools (Invited)
- 12:00 Lunch

- 1:00 (10) Progress Report: Prekindergarten Quality and Educational Outcomes. **Ryan Tolman, PhD**, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee (LFC); **Sarah Rovang**, Program Evaluator, LFC
- 2:00 (11) Early Childhood Workforce Wage and Salary Report. **Elizabeth Groginsky**, Cabinet Secretary, Early Childhood Education and Care Department
- 3:30 (12) [Public Comment](#)
- 4:00 Recess

Friday, July 25

- 9:00 (13) Charter School Governance and Support. **Mark Montoya**, Senior Policy Analyst, LESC;
- 10:30 (14) PED Rule Review. **Natasha Davalos**, Policy Analyst, LESC
- 11:00 (15) Federal Funding Update
- 11:30 (16) Director's Report
- Newsletter
 - *Martinez-Yazzie* Update
- 12:00 Adjourn