

**MINUTES
of the
THIRD MEETING
of the
TOBACCO SETTLEMENT REVENUE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**November 14, 2025
State Capitol, Room 309
Santa Fe**

The third meeting of the Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee was called to order by Senator Martin Hickey, vice chair, on November 14, 2025 at 9:22 a.m. in Room 309 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Sen. Martin Hickey, Vice Chair
Sen. Linda M. López
Sen. Gabriel Ramos
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson

Absent

Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary, Chair
Rep. Brian G. Baca

Advisory Members

Rep. Luis M. Terrazas

Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Sen. Larry R. Scott

Staff

Sean Dolan, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Andrea Lazarow, Bill Drafter, LCS

Minutes Approval

Because the committee will not meet again this year, the minutes for this meeting have not been officially approved by the committee.

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

Handouts

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and are 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.

Friday, November 14

Welcome and Introductions (9:22 a.m.)

Senator Hickey welcomed the committee members and public to the meeting.

Department of Health (DOH) Prevention and Quit Programs (9:23 a.m.)

Anthony Garcia, director, Nicotine Use Prevention and Control Program (NUPAC), DOH, presented an update on the NUPAC, including the program's youth outreach and intervention, successes with the quitline, nicotine addiction treatment options and a preview of upcoming smoking cessation campaigns. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TSROC&Date=11/14/2025&ItemNumber=1>.

JUUL Settlement and Tobacco Settlement Review (10:20 a.m.)

Julie Meade, deputy attorney general, State Department of Justice, presented a general overview of the state of the JUUL settlement and an update on the continuing arbitration regarding the tobacco settlement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Closed Meeting): JUUL Settlement and Tobacco Settlement Legal Review (10:33 a.m.)

Legislative Finance Committee Funds Update (11:08 a.m.)

RubyAnn Esquibel, principal analyst, Legislative Finance Committee, presented an overview of how the tobacco settlement funds are structured and funded and current and projected fund revenue. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TSROC&Date=11/14/2025&ItemNumber=3>.

Youth Programs and National Legislation (11:55 a.m.)

Megan Boelter, J.D., M.P.H., public health law consultant, Tobacco Regulation, presented on national organizations related to youth smoking and vaping cessation and what resources may be available from those organizations to the state and summarized legislation that is being considered related to smoking and vaping around the country. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TSROC&Date=11/14/2025&ItemNumber=4>.

Approval of Minutes (12:31 p.m.)

The committee approved the minutes of the July 7, 2025 meeting.

Public Comment (12:31 p.m.)

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

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.