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LEGISLATIVE INTERIM
COMMITTEE
WORKING GROUP

2025 INTERIM FINAL REPORT

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Legislative Interim Committee Working Group 2025 Interim Summary

The Legislative Interim Committee Working Group was formed by the New Mexico Legislative Council to address concerns that there are too many interim committees, that meetings of interim committees are not well-attended and that the interim committee process is not as effective as it could be.

The working group met four times, each time using a videoconferencing platform. At the first meeting, the working group developed its strategy for carrying out its duties. At the second meeting, the working group took a deep dive into the history of the interim committee process. The third meeting was devoted to reviewing recommendations made by previous committees, task forces and working groups created over the past 20 years for similar purposes. At the fourth meeting, the working group looked at a complete overhaul of the interim committee process to more closely align the process with existing House and Senate standing committees.

The working group returned to the New Mexico Legislative Council to ask that the working group be recreated for one more year to complete its work.

WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE

**2025 PROPOSED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP**

Members

Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil
Rep. Alan T. Martinez

Sen. Michael Padilla
Sen. Pat Woods

Proposed Work Plan

The New Mexico Legislative Council created the Legislative Interim Committee Working Group (LICW) on April 28, 2025 to address the following concerns:

- a sense that there are too many interim committees;
- that interim committees have too many members, particularly advisory members;
- an increasing number of interim committees are unable to achieve a quorum without promoting advisory or guest members to voting members; and
- a sense that the interim committee process is less effective than it once was.

To address those concerns, the LICW will:

- A. compile and review historical interim committee data;
- B. examine other states' approaches to committee meetings outside the framework of regular legislative sessions;
- C. survey New Mexico legislators regarding interim committees and attendance at and effectiveness of interim committees;
- D. review previous attempts by the New Mexico Legislature to reform the interim committee process;
- E. review the development of interim committees in New Mexico over the past several decades; and
- F. make recommendations to address the concerns expressed by the New Mexico Legislative Council.

AGENDAS AND MINUTES

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
FIRST MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP**

**June 3, 2025
Video Conference**

Tuesday, June 3

- 1:30 p.m. (1) **Working Group Procedures**
 —Representative Dayan Hochman-Vigil, Chair
- 2:00 p.m. (2) **Working Group Priorities and Data Review**
 —Jeret Fleetwood, Legislative Council Service
- 3:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

**MINUTES
of the
FIRST MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP**

**June 3, 2025
Video Conference**

The first meeting of the Legislative Interim Committee Working Group (LICW) was called to order on June 3, 2025 at 1:32 p.m. by video conference via an online platform.

Present

Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil
Rep. Alan T. Martinez
Sen. Michael Padilla
Sen. Pat Woods

Absent

Staff

Jeret Fleetwood, Project Coordinator, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Monica Ewing, Assistant Director for Drafting Services, LCS

Minutes Approval

Because the committee's final meeting of 2025 was cancelled, the minutes for this meeting have not been officially approved by the committee.

Tuesday, June 3

The LICW discussed working group procedures and agreed not to elect a chair unless the group later determines that it is necessary. Mr. Fleetwood recalled the priorities established by the New Mexico Legislative Council when it created the LICW, which included consideration of: whether the number of interim committees and the number of members on each committee is too great; the effectiveness of the work of interim committees; and how to reduce the number of instances in which interim committees are unable to achieve a quorum of members.

The members discussed interim committee-related data that they wish to review as a working group. The members agreed that they would likely hold both virtual and in-person meetings and would receive a presentation summarizing previous efforts to study and improve the interim committee process.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the working group, the meeting adjourned.

Revised: July 23, 2025

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
SECOND MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP**

**July 25, 2025
Video Conference**

Friday, July 25

- 11:30 a.m. (1) [Interim Committee History](#)
—Jonelle Maison, Legislative Council Service
- 12:30 p.m. (2) [Working Group Review of Data and Discussion](#)
- 3:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

**MINUTES
of the
SECOND MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP**

**July 25, 2025
Video Conference**

The second meeting of the Legislative Interim Committee Working Group (LICW) was called to order on July 25, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. by video conference via an online platform.

Present

Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil
Rep. Alan T. Martinez
Sen. Michael Padilla
Sen. Pat Woods

Absent

Staff

Jeret Fleetwood, Project Coordinator, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Monica Ewing, Assistant Director for Drafting Services, LCS
Lisa Rivera Morrison, Staff Attorney, LCS

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

Minutes Approval

Because the committee's final meeting of 2025 was cancelled, the minutes for this meeting have not been officially approved by the committee.

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 working group meeting, which can be found at www.nmlegis.gov, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and working group discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Friday, July 25

Interim Committee History (11:39 a.m.)

Jonelle Maison, LCS, presented a thorough overview of the history of legislative interim committees and previous legislative process reform efforts. Ms. Maison's presentation and materials addressed data applicable to the work of and attendance at interim committee meetings

over a number of years. She also recalled the interim reform efforts undertaken in 2001-2002 and 2006-2007 and the recommendations that resulted from those efforts. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=ZLICW&Date=7/25/2025&ItemNumber=1>.

Working Group Review of Data and Discussion (12:14 p.m.)

Members of the LICW discussed the historical information and data reported by Ms. Maison and a number of the working group members' concerns and observations regarding the operations of legislative interim committees.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the working group, the meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
THIRD MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP**

**September 8, 2025
Video Conference**

Monday, September 8

- 10:00 a.m. (1) [Working Group Review and Discussion of 2002 and 2007
Recommendations and Discussion of Additional Recommendations](#)
- 12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

**MINUTES
of the
THIRD MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP**

**September 8, 2025
Video Conference**

The third meeting of the Legislative Interim Committee Working Group (LICW) was called to order on September 8, 2025 at 10:03 a.m. by video conference via an online platform.

Present

Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil
Rep. Alan T. Martinez
Sen. Michael Padilla
Sen. Pat Woods

Absent

Staff

Jeret Fleetwood, Project Coordinator, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Monica Ewing, Assistant Director for Drafting Services, LCS
Em Green, Staff Attorney, LCS
Lisa Rivera Morrison, Staff Attorney, LCS

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

Minutes Approval

Because the committee's final meeting of 2025 was cancelled, the minutes for this meeting have not been officially approved by the committee.

Handouts

Copies of all handouts and written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

References to Webcast

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Monday, September 8

Working Group Review and Discussion of 2002 and 2007 Recommendations and Discussion of Additional Recommendations (10:06 a.m.)

Mr. Fleetwood facilitated a discussion of recommendations that resulted from two previous efforts to examine interim committee processes. He explained each of the

recommendations, and the working group members discussed the recommendations and identified priorities for the working group.

Public Comment (12:08 p.m.)

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

Adjournment

There being no further business before the working group, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
FOURTH MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP**

**October 28, 2025
Video Conference**

Tuesday, October 28

10:30 a.m. (1) [Aligning Interim Committee Work with Standing Committees](#)

12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

NOTE: This meeting was canceled due to scheduling conflicts.