MINUTES
of the
SECOND MEETING
of the
TOBACCO SETTLEMENT REVENUE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

October 13, 2026
Comprehensive Cancer Center
University of New Mexico
1201 Camino de Salud NE
Albuquerque

The second meeting of the Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee was called to order by Senator Martin Hickey, chair, on October 13, 2026 at 9:19 a.m. at the University of New Mexico (UNM) Comprehensive Cancer Center in Albuquerque.

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

Absent
Rep. Brian G. Baca

Advisory
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Rep. Luis M. Terrazas

Sen. Larry R. Scott

Staff
Domenica Nieto, Research Assistant, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Marisa Garcia-Hart, Records Officer, 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 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.

Tuesday, October 13

Welcome and Introductions (9:20 a.m.)

Senator Hickey welcomed everyone and asked committee members to introduce themselves. Senator Hickey noted that there would not be a presentation for the update on *New Mexico v. Circle K Stores, Inc., et al.* but that the handout is available. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TSROC&Date=10/13/2026&ItemNumber=3.

UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center (9:25 a.m.)

Yolanda Sanchez, Ph.D., director and chief executive officer, Comprehensive Cancer Center, UNM, welcomed the committee and presented the history of the Comprehensive Cancer Center, as well as information on new treatment rooms and the administration of treatments with new technology. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TSROC&Date=10/13/2026&ItemNumber=1.

Tobacco Law Policy Updates (9:50 a.m.)

Megan Boelter, J.D., M.P.H., public health law consultant, Tobacco Regulation, presented about current tobacco tax rates in other states as compared to New Mexico, explained regulatory loopholes and suggested changes to existing legislation. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TSROC&Date=10/13/2026&ItemNumber=2.

Tobacco Prevention Efforts: Evolvement New Mexico (11:02 a.m.)

Jackson Simpkins, Eldorado High School; Meade Pandya, Piedra Vista High School; and Rhys Romero, Los Lunas High School, presented about Evolvement, a tobacco and nicotine use prevention program for youth. They said that the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have recognized Evolvement as a best practice model for youth training and support and that the program has been implemented in other states. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TSROC&Date=10/13/2026&ItemNumber=4.

Department of Health (DOH) Nicotine Use Prevention and Control (NUPAC) Program (12:03 p.m.)

Anthony Garcia, chief, Population and Community Health Bureau, DOH, and Chelsey Meyer, interim director, NUPAC, DOH, discussed the NUPAC program and presented a research study about youth nicotine use. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TSROC&Date=10/13/2026&ItemNumber=5.

Approval of Minutes (12:58 p.m.)

On a motion made and passed unanimously, the committee adopted the minutes from the May 26, 2026 meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Consideration of Proposed Legislation for Endorsement for the 2027 Legislative Session (1:00 P.M.)

Senator Hickey led a discussion about potential legislation to be considered by the committee. Members agreed that an additional meeting would be needed in November to discuss proposed legislation.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.