

**Legislative Education Study Committee
Las Cruces, New Mexico
October 15-17, 2025**

**Organ Mountain High School
5700 Mesa Grande Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88011**

Wednesday, October 15

- 9:00 (1) Call to Order, Introductions, and Approval of October Agenda and September Minutes.
- 9:05 (2) Community Welcome. **Ignacio Ruiz**, Superintendent, Las Cruces Public Schools
- 10:30 (3) Superintendent Panel. **Jessica Hathaway**, Deputy Director, LESC; **Ignacio Ruiz**, Superintendent, Las Cruces Public Schools; **Nichole Burgin**, Superintendent, Truth or Consequences Municipal Schools; **Michael Chavez**, Superintendent, Hatch Valley Public Schools; **Jocelyn Gillespie**, Superintendent, Cloudcroft Municipal Schools
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 (4) Public Education Reform Fund Update. **Jessica Hathaway**, Deputy Director, LESC; **Sarah Dinces, Ph.D.**, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee (LFC); **Simon Miller**, Performance Analyst, Department of Finance and Administration (DFA); **Martin Jones, Ph.D.**, Data Analyst III, Public Education Department (PED)
- 2:30 (5) Assessment Results. **Lynn Vásquez**, Senior Manager, Assessment, Research, Evaluation, and Accountability, PED; **David Winjum, Ph.D.**, Chief Statistician, PED
- 4:00 Recess

**New Mexico State University
Stan Fulton Center
1780 E University Ave
Las Cruces, NM 88003**

Thursday, October 16

- 9:00 (6) Educator Accountability Reporting System Update. **Denise Beutel, Ph.D.**, Manager of Educator Pathways Bureau, PED (invited)
- 10:30 (7) Residency White Paper. **Annie Armatage**, Senior Policy Analyst II, LESC; **Marjori Krebs, Ed.D.**, Professor and Director of Licensure, College of Education & Human Sciences, University of New Mexico (UNM); **Jesse Chenven, Ph.D.**, Associate Dean, School of Education, Central New Mexico Community College (CNM)

- 11:30 Lunch
- 12:30 (8) Community Welcome. **Valerio Ferme, Ph.D.**, President, New Mexico State University (NMSU)
- 1:00 (9) NMSU Educator Preparation. **Rick Marlatt, Ph.D.**, Professor and Dean, College of Health, Education, and Social Transformation, NMSU; **Leanna Lucero, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Interim Director, School of Teacher Preparation, Administration, and Leadership, NMSU
- 2:30 (10) Out-of-School Time Programs in New Mexico. **Conor L. Hicks**, Policy Analyst I, LESC; **Ann Kluth-Clark**, State and Federal Programs Coordinator, Central Consolidated School District; **Vanessa Mobley Knox**, Founder and CEO, Borderland Family Ties
- 4:00 Recess

Friday, October 17

- 9:00 (11) [Public Comment.](#)
- 9:30 (12) FY27 Budget Proposals. **Daniel Estupiñan**, Senior Fiscal Analyst II, LESC
- 10:30 (13) Legislative Proposals. **John Sena**, Director, LESC; **Jessica Hathaway**, Deputy Director, LESC
- 11:30 (14) Federal Funding Update. **Daniel Estupiñan**, Senior Fiscal Analyst II, LESC
- 12:00 (15) Director's Report. **John Sena**, Director, LESC
- Newsletter
 - *Martinez-Yazzie* Motion Update
 - Personnel Update
- 12:30 Adjourn