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**TENTATIVE AGENDA**  
**Legislative Finance Committee**  
**Taos, New Mexico**  
**June 24-26, 2025**

**Monday, June 23**

**Optional Tour**  
**Clean Hydrogen Project in Questa and Red River Hatchery**  
**2500 Old State Road 3**  
**Questa, NM 87556**

- 2:00 -- Clean Hydrogen Project -- John Ortega, Mayor, Questa; Luis Reyes, CEO, Kit Carson Electric; Dr. Pei Xu, Professor, New Mexico State University; Chris Stagg, Taos Ski Valley
- 2:45 -- Depart to Las Vistas De Questa Trail
- 3:30 -- Depart to Red River State Fish Hatchery -- Stewart Liley, Chief, Wildlife Management, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish; Kirk Patter, Chief, Fisheries Management, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

**Tuesday, June 24**

**Meeting Location**  
**UNM-Taos Battan Hall**  
**121 Civic Placa Drive**  
**Taos, NM 87571**

- 8:30 -- Welcoming Remarks -- Pascualito Maestas, Mayor; Edwin Concha, Governor, Taos Pueblo; Jeremy S. Lujan, Tribal Secretary, Taos Pueblo; Mary Gutierrez, Chancellor, University of New Mexico-Taos
- 9:30 -- Water Research and Economic Development Using Green Hydrogen -- Pei Xu, Department of Civil Engineering, New Mexico State University; Luis Reyes, Chief Executive Officer; Kit Carson, Electric Cooperative Inc; John Ortega, Mayor, Questa
- 10:45 -- K-12 Status of Yazzie/K12 Report Cards -- Sunny Liu, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee; Rachel Mabe, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee; John Sena, Director, Legislative Education Study Committee; Mariana Padilla, Secretary, Public Education Department
- 12:15 -- Lunch
- 1:15 -- Policy Spotlight: Orphaned Wells -- Stephanie Joyce, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Elizabeth Dodson, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Ben Shelton, Deputy Secretary, Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department
- 2:30 -- Tax Expenditures -- Brendon Gray, Economist, Legislative Finance Committee; Maggie Klug, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee
- 3:45 -- Quarterly Status Reporting on Major Nonrecurring Appropriations -- Maggie Klug, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee
- Previous Nonrecurring Activities
  - Top 50 Appropriations
  - Economic Development
- 5:00 -- Adjourn

**Wednesday, June 25**

- 8:30 -- [Workforce Training and Certifications Pilot Programs](#) – Tracy Hartzler, President, Central New Mexico Community College; Mary Gutierrez, Chancellor, University of New Mexico-Taos; James Johnston, Chancellor, Eastern New Mexico University
- 10:00 -- [Program Evaluation: Health Care Affordability Fund](#) -- Matt Goodlaw, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Alex Castillo Smith, Deputy Secretary, Health Care Authority
- 11:00 -- [LegisStat: Health Care Authority: Access to Health Care and Behavioral Health](#) -- Kari Armijo, Secretary, Human Services Department
- 12:15 -- Lunch -- Natural Resources Subcommittee Depart for Tour

**LFC Child Welfare/Early Childhood Subcommittee**

Representative Jack Chatfield  
Representative Meredith A. Dixon  
Representative Rebecca Dow  
Representative Derrick J. Lente  
Representative Joseph Sanchez

Senator Pere Campos  
Senator Nicole Tobiassen  
Senator Linda M. Trujillo

- 1:15 -- [LegisStat: Child Welfare](#) – Teresa Casados, Secretary, Children, Youth and Families Department
- 3:00 -- [Progress Report: Prekindergarten Quality](#) -- Sarah Rovang, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee, Elizabeth Groginsky, Secretary, Early Childhood Education and Care Department
- 4:15 -- [Update on FIT Provider Rates](#) – Elizabeth Groginsky, Secretary, Early Childhood and Care Department
- 5:00 -- Adjourn

**LFC Natural Resources Subcommittee**

Representative Susan K. Herrera  
Representative Nathan P. Small  
Representative Harlan Vincent

Senator Roberto “Bobby” J. Gonzales  
Senator Steve D. Lanier  
Senator Benny Shendo Jr.  
Senator Pat Woods

- 1:30 -- [Forest Restoration and Watersheds](#) -- Laura McCarthy, State Forester; J.R. Logan, Taos County/Del Medio Forestry
- 2:45 -- [D.H. Lawrence Ranch](#) -- J.R. Logan, Taos County/Del Medio Forestry; Grace Powell, Taos Soil and Water Conservation District, Jeremy Hanlon, Forest Fitness
- Forest treatments for wildfire migration, wood utilization, forest health and biodiversity conservation
  - Partnerships to secure funding and benefit local communities
  - Successes and challenges for businesses in forest industry
- 3:30 -- Depart to Carson National Forest
- 3:45 -- [Cerro Negro Leñero Block](#) – J.R. Logan, Taos County/Del Medio Forestry; Art Montoya, Arroyo Hondo de Arriba Community Land Grant
- Cerro Negro Forest Council history, role and transition of the project to the Land Grants and Acequias
  - Youth training and firewood harvest
  - Replication of the community-based mode in Northern New Mexico

5:00 -- Adjourn

**Thursday, June 26**

- 8:30 -- [Program Evaluation: Election Costs](#) -- Drew Weaver, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Sarah Dinces, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Maggie Toulouse Oliver, Secretary of State
- 10:00 -- [Federal Funds Update](#) -- Charles Sallee, Director, Legislative Finance Committee
- 11:00 -- [Third Quarter Report Cards](#) -- Helen Gaussoin, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee
- 12:00 -- Miscellaneous Committee Business

**Action Items**

- 1) [Approval of LFC May Meeting Minutes](#)
- 2) [Approval of LFC Contracts](#)
- 3) [Approval of LFC Work Plan](#)

**Review of Monthly Financial Reports & Information Items**

- 4) [LFC FY25 Budget Status](#)
- 5) [BAR Report](#)
- 6) [Full Time Employees by Agency](#)
- 7) [Correspondence](#)
- 8) [LFC Program Evaluation Status Report](#)
- 9) [Cash Balance Report](#)
- 10) [SPO Job Architecture Update](#)
- 11) [Potential Updates to Budget Guidelines](#)

12:00 -- Adjourn

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