

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

**October 23, 2023
Dona Ana Community College-East Mesa Campus
East Mesa Main Building, Room 207
2800 North Sonoma Ranch Boulevard
Las Cruces**

The fourth meeting of the Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee was called to order by Representative Joanne J. Ferrary, chair, on October 23, 2023 at 9:40 a.m. at the East Mesa Main Building of Dona Ana Community College-East Mesa Campus in Las Cruces.

Present

Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary, Chair
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson

Absent

Sen. Martin Hickey, Vice Chair
Sen. Linda M. Lopez
Sen. Gregg Schmedes
Rep. James G. Townsend

Advisory Members

Rep. Luis M. Terrazas

Rep. Gail Chasey
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto

Guest Legislator

Sen. William P. Soules

Staff

Erika Falance, Committee Coordinator, 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 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.

Monday, October 23

Welcome and Introductions (9:40 a.m.)

Representative Ferrary welcomed members of the committee and the public and invited committee members to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes (9:42 a.m.)

On a motion made, seconded and duly passed, the minutes of the June 14, 2023 and September 6, 2023 meetings were approved.

Welcome To Dona Ana Community College (9:56 a.m.)

Mónica Torres, Ph.D., chancellor, New Mexico State University System of Community Colleges, provided a presentation on demographics, enrollment, program information and statistics for the college. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TSROC%20102323%20Item%201%20DACC%20Welcome.pdf>.

Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino Smoking Policies (10:33 a.m.)

Fred Heinrich, general counsel and compliance officer, Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino, presented about the smoking policies and rationale behind them at the Sunland Park facilities. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TSROC&Date=10/23/2023&ItemNumber=2>.

Special Investigations Unit (SIU) — Tobacco Enforcement (11:02 a.m.)

Sergeant Lee Mullen, SIU, Investigations Bureau, New Mexico State Police Division, Department of Public Safety; Captain Patrick Bucksath, SIU, Investigations Bureau, New Mexico State Police Division, Department of Public Safety; and Thomas Bizzell, SIU, Investigations Bureau, New Mexico State Police Division, Department of Public Safety, presented information about the work the SIU does for tobacco products enforcement and the challenges faced by the unit, as well as opportunities for growth in the future. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TSROC%20102323%20Item%203%20Special%20Investigations%20Unit.pdf>.

Chronic Disease Prevention (1:15 p.m.)

Laurel McCloskey, executive director, Chronic Disease Prevention Council; Andreas Loeser, New Mexico Allied Council on Tobacco; Alex Ross-Reed, executive director, HEAL+ New Mexico; Jay Blackwell, M.A., C.P.S.W., L.M.H.C., co-chair, New Mexico African American Tobacco Network; and Janna Vallo, Southwest Tribal Tobacco Coalition, presented about the New Mexico Allied Council on Tobacco and the work the organization does to prevent tobacco use by many different demographic groups in the state. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TSROC%20102323%20Item%204%20NMACT.pdf>.

Nicotine and New Mexico's Youth (2:02 p.m.)

Jessica Garcia, M.P.H., program specialist I, Unified Prevention Coalition for Dona Ana County, Center for Health Innovation; Kristen Ortega, M.P.H., smoke-free project coordinator, Action for Healthy Kids; Audrey Garcia, program officer, A Smoke-Free Paso del Norte, Paso del Norte Health Foundation; Amanda Gozur, associate youth engagement manager, Rescue Agency New Mexico, LLC; Diego Romero, Arrowhead Park Early College High School, Evolvment Youth Advocates; and Kurtis Reese, Arrowhead Park Early College High School, Evolvment Youth Advocates, provided a presentation on efforts to educate parents and teachers on vaping and prevent New Mexico's youth from using nicotine products. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TSROC&Date=10/23/2023&ItemNumber=6>.

Motion to Send Letter (3:18 p.m.)

On a motion made, seconded and duly passed, the committee voted to send a letter of support for Evolvment Youth Advocates to the Public Education Department in regard to an upcoming vote to repeal and replace New Mexico Administrative Code 6.12.4.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.