

**MINUTES
of the
SECOND MEETING
of the
NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**July 1-2, 2021
McKinley County Building
207 West Hill Avenue
Gallup**

The second meeting of the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) Oversight Committee was called to order by Representative Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson, chair, on July 1, 2021 at 9:15 a.m. at the McKinley County Building in Gallup.

Present

Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson, Chair
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Sen. Siah Correa Hemphill (7/1)
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Rep. T. Ryan Lane
Rep. Raymundo Lara
Rep. Javier Martínez (7/1)
Sen. Michael Padilla
Rep. Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
Rep. Linda Serrato

Absent

Sen. Jacob R. Candelaria, Vice Chair
Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena
Rep. Ambrose Castellano
Sen. Joseph Cervantes
Rep. Jack Chatfield
Rep. Harry Garcia
Sen. Ron Griggs
Rep. Joshua Hernandez
Rep. Susan K. Herrera
Sen. Stuart Ingle

Advisory Members

Rep. Alonzo Baldonado
Rep. Christine Chandler
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo
Rep. Natalie Figueroa
Rep. Joy Garratt
Rep. Georgene Louis
Rep. Willie D. Madrid
Rep. Kristina Ortez
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Rep. Sheryl Williams Stapleton

Rep. Meredith A. Dixon
Rep. Rebecca Dow
Sen. Leo Jaramillo
Rep. Tara L. Lujan
Sen. Mimi Stewart
Rep. Candie G. Sweetser

Guest Legislators

Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom (7/1)
Sen. George K. Munoz (7/1)
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana (7/1)

(Attendance dates are noted for members not present for the entire meeting.)

Staff

Tom Kricka, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Erin Bond, Research Assistant, 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 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.

Thursday, July 1**Welcome and Introductions (9:15 a.m.)**

Representative Thomson welcomed the committee and asked members and staff to introduce themselves. Louie Bonaguidi, mayor, Gallup; Paulson Chaco, chief of staff, Navajo Nation; and Jonathan Nez, president, Navajo Nation, welcomed the committee to Gallup and expressed hope and appreciation for the legislature's support.

Update on the Tribal Infrastructure Project Fund (TIF) (9:59 a.m., audio begins at 10:05 a.m.)

Lynn A. Trujillo, secretary, Indian Affairs Department (IAD); Chandler Kahawai, chief financial officer and manager, Administrative Services Division, IAD; and Lawrence John, capital outlay and tribal infrastructure fund administrator, IAD, provided an update on the TIF. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/NMFA%20070121%20Item%201%20IAD%20TIF%20Presentation.pdf>.

Navajo Nation Infrastructure Projects (11:01 a.m.)

Dr. Pearl Yellowman, executive director, Division of Community Development, Navajo Nation, provided an update on infrastructure projects on the Navajo Nation, as well as how projects are prioritized and funded. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/NMFA%20070121%20Item%202%20Navajo%20Nation%200projects.pdf>.

Ohkay Owingeh Infrastructure Projects (12:20 p.m.)

Patrick Aguino, governor, Ohkay Owingeh; Christy Ladd, planning manager, Ohkay Owingeh; and Ben Lujan, director, Public Works Division, Ohkay Owingeh, discussed Ohkay Owingeh's infrastructure projects and funding needs. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/NMFA%20070121%20Item%203%20Ohkay%20Owingeh%20projects.pdf>.

Pueblo of Acoma Infrastructure Projects (1:21 p.m.)

Raymond Concho, Jr., executive director, Utility Authority, Pueblo of Acoma, explained the Pueblo of Acoma's infrastructure projects and funding needs. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/NMFA%20070121%20Item%204%20Pueblo%20of%20Acoma%20projects.pdf>.

Pueblo of Santa Clara (2:13 p.m.)

J. Michael Chavarria, governor, Pueblo of Santa Clara, informed the committee of completed and current infrastructure projects in the Pueblo of Santa Clara. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/NMFA%20070121%20Item%205%20Pueblo%20of%20Santa%20Clara%20projects.pdf>.

Behavioral Health Services Funding (2:44 p.m.)

Dr. Neal A. Bowen, director, Behavioral Health Services Division, Human Services Department, discussed the state of behavioral health care in New Mexico and how the NMFA can help support behavioral health care. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/NMFA%20070121%20Item%206%20Behavioral%20Health%20Services.pdf>.

Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project (3:37 p.m.)

Jeff Kiely, special assistant to the mayor of Gallup, and former executive director, Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments, discussed his work regarding, as well as Representative Lundstrom's contributions to, the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/NMFA%20070121%20Item%207%20Navajo-Gallup%20Water%20Supply%20Project.pdf>.

Public Comment (4:21 p.m.)

The committee received public comment via an online platform. A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 4:25 p.m.

Friday, July 2**Reconvene**

Representative Thomson reconvened the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Pueblo of Laguna Infrastructure Projects (9:32 a.m.)

John E. Antonio, governor, Pueblo of Laguna; Malcolm Bowekaty, chief of operations, Pueblo of Laguna; and Michael Manuelito, Sr., director of public works, Pueblo of Laguna, discussed the Pueblo of Laguna's infrastructure projects and the challenges the pueblo faces. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/NMFA%20070121%20Item%208%20Pueblo%20of%20Laguna%20projects.pdf>.

Expansion of Health Care, Behavioral Health Care and Community Service Provider Funding Programs (10:38 a.m.)

Marquita Russel, chief executive officer, NMFA, discussed programs that the NMFA offers to support primary health care and behavioral health care providers in New Mexico. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/NMFA%20070121%20Item%209%20Healthcare%20funding.pdf>.

Update on the Primary Care Capital Fund (11:14 a.m.)

Jasmin Hendrickson, health educator, Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, Department of Health (DOH); and Crystal Begay, program manager, Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, DOH, explained and provided an update on the Primary Care Capital Fund.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the second meeting of the NMFA Oversight Committee adjourned at 11:27 a.m.