

**MINUTES
of the
SEVENTY-NINTH MEETING
of the
PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE**

**August 16, 2021
State Capitol, House Chambers
Santa Fe**

The seventy-ninth meeting of the Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force was called to order by Representative G. Andrés Romero, chair, on August 16, 2021 at 9:31 a.m. in the House Chambers of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Rep. G. Andrés Romero, Chair
Sen. William P. Soules, Vice Chair
Sondra Adams
Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Scott Elder
Carl Foster
Sen. Stuart Ingle
Ashley Leach, Designee for Secretary of
Finance and Administration Debbie
Romero
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Cindy Montoya
Brandy Murphy
Antonio Ortiz, Designee for Secretary of
Public Education Ryan Stewart
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Amber L. Romero
Stan Rounds
Karen Sanchez-Griego
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.
Sen. Mimi Stewart

Advisory Members

Absent

Rep. Jack Chatfield
Rep. Brian Egolf
Sen. George K. Munoz
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez

Sen. Leo Jaramillo
Sen. Michael Padilla
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle

Staff

Raúl E. Burciaga, Director, Legislative Council Service (LCS)

Clinton Turner, Research and Fiscal Policy Analyst, LCS

Rebecca Griego, Records Officer, LCS

Sheila Keleher, 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 task force meeting, which can be found at www.nmlegis.gov, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and task force discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Monday, August 16**Introduction (9:31 a.m.)**

On behalf of the task force, Representative Romero expressed his condolences for the loss of student Bennie Hargrove in the recent school shooting at Washington Middle School in Albuquerque.

Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) and Public School Facilities Authority (PSFA) Update (9:33 a.m.)

Jonathan Chamblin, executive director, PSFA, and Randy Evans, chief financial officer, PSFA, provided an update on the PSCOC and the PSFA. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/PSCO%20081621%20Item%201%20PSFA%20and%20PSCOC%20update.pdf>.

Impact of Declining Property Valuation on School Districts (10:31 a.m.)

Mr. Chamblin and Mr. Evans presented an overview of how declining property valuations impact the state and local match percentages for school districts' capital projects. Daniel P. Benavidez, superintendent, Central Consolidated School District, along with his staff, addressed the challenges of a rural impact aid district without municipal amenities. Dr. Kimberly Mizell, superintendent, Bloomfield School District, gave a presentation outlining the challenges of a district with a declining population. Erik Harrigan, managing director, Albuquerque Municipal Finance Office, RBC Capital Markets, LLC, presented an overview of school district general

obligation bonds, along with the impact of the tax base on bonding capacity. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=PSCO&Date=8/16/2021&ItemNumber=2>.

Zuni Lawsuit Update (1:02 p.m.)

Mr. Chamblin and Mona Martinez, staff attorney, PSFA, presented an overview of and update on the *Zuni* lawsuit. Matt Baca, chief counsel, Office of the Attorney General, addressed the procedural aspects of the lawsuit as well as the recent court rulings. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/PSCO%20081621%20Item%203%20PSFA%20Zuni%20Lawsuit%20Update.pdf>.

Approval of Minutes (2:02 p.m.)

Upon a motion made and seconded, and without any objections, the task force approved and adopted the minutes of the July 9, 2021 meeting.

Statewide Education Technology Infrastructure Network (2:04 p.m.)

Raja Sambandam, acting secretary, Department of Information Technology (DoIT), introduced Rand Tilton, program manager, DoIT, and Gar Clarke, project manager, DoIT, who reviewed the 2021 broadband legislation, including House Bill (HB) 10, Senate Bill (SB) 93 and SB 377, as well as the three-year economic development grant. Tim Bedeaux, legislative liaison, Public Education Department (PED), introduced Mike Archibeque, president and project manager, MA Strategies, and Ferdi Serim, project data manager, MA Strategies, who gave an overview of the PED's 2021 New Mexico Student Connect program. Jeremy Lovato, chief information officer (CIO), Department of Transportation, outlined the fiber and data infrastructure operation for facility connectivity throughout New Mexico.

Eli Guinnee, state librarian, New Mexico State Library, and Richard Govea, broadband opportunities program manager, New Mexico State Library, addressed the broadband challenges and goals for libraries across the state. Jason Collet, CIO, Western New Mexico University, and president, Consortium on Higher Education Computing/Communication Services; Chris Kielt, interim CIO, New Mexico State University; and Dan Lunceford, director of information technology and communication, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, gave an overview of the collaborative aspect of establishing a statewide education network. Duane Arruti, CIO, University of New Mexico (UNM); Brian Pietrewicz, deputy CIO, UNM; Kirsten Martinez, director, business operations, information technologies, UNM; and Paul Chang, director of networks, UNM, reviewed the aggregation services that research institutions are providing to promote statewide connectivity. Finally, Mr. Chamblin and Ovidiu Viorica, broadband and technology program manager, PSFA, summarized SB 144 (2021) and its

implications on the PSFA broadband program and statewide connectivity. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=PSCO&Date=8/16/2021&ItemNumber=4>.

Public Comment (4:27 p.m.)

A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the task force, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.