

**MINUTES
of the
FIRST MEETING
of the
INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**June 2, 2025
State Capitol, Room 322
Santa Fe**

The first meeting of the Indian Affairs Committee was called to order by Senator Shannon D. Pinto, chair, on June 2, 2025 at 10:09 a.m. in Room 322 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Sen. Shannon D. Pinto, Chair
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson, Vice Chair
Rep. Michelle Paulene Abeyta
Rep. John Block
Sen. Angel M. Charley
Rep. Martha Garcia
Rep. Joseph Franklin Hernandez
Rep. Charlotte Little
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
Sen. William E. Sharer
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.
Rep. Martin R. Zamora

Absent

Sen. Cindy Nava
Sen. Nicholas A. Paul

Advisory Members

Sen. Linda M. López
Rep. Stefani Lord
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Rep. Angelita Mejia
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana
Sen. William P. Soules
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson

Rep. Rebecca Dow
Rep. Yanira Gurrola
Sen. George K. Muñoz
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez

Staff

Nicole Waguespack, Researcher, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Paul Estok, Staff Attorney, LCS
Sheila Keleher, Researcher, 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.

Monday, June 2

Welcome and Introductions (10:09 a.m.)

Senator Pinto welcomed everyone to the meeting. Committee members, staff and audience members introduced themselves.

Discussion of Focus Area, Work Plan and Meeting Schedule (10:24 a.m.)

Ms. Waguespack presented the proposed work plan and meeting schedule for the 2025 interim. Committee members made suggestions and discussed additions to the work plan and meeting schedule. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, and without any objections, the committee adopted the 2025 work plan and meeting schedule, as amended. The approved work plan and meeting schedule can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Publications/Work_Plans/IACworkplan25.pdf.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.