

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

**May 26, 2026
State Capitol, Room 322
Santa Fe**

The first meeting of the Indian Affairs Committee was called to order by Senator Shannon D. Pinto, chair, at 2:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 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
Rep. Joseph Franklin Hernandez
Rep. Charlotte Little
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
Sen. William E. Sharer
Sen. Rex Wilson

Absent

Sen. Angel M. Charley
Rep. Martha Garcia
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.
Rep. Martin R. Zamora

Advisory Members

Rep. Angelita Mejia
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana
Sen. William P. Soules

Rep. Rebecca Dow
Rep. Yanira Gurrola
Sen. Linda M. López
Rep. Stefani Lord
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Sen. George K. Muñoz
Sen. Cindy Nava
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson

Staff

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

Tuesday, May 26**Welcome and Introductions (2:10 p.m.)**

Senator Pinto welcomed everyone. Members of the committee and the public introduced themselves.

Discussion of Focus Area, Work Plan and Meeting Schedule (2:12 p.m.)

Ms. Waguespack presented the proposed work plan and meeting schedule for the 2026 interim. Committee members made suggestions and discussed additions to the work plan and meeting schedule.

Public Comment (2:50 p.m.)

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

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.