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TENTATIVE AGENDA
Legislative Finance Committee
Red River, New Mexico
July 21-23, 2026

Tuesday, July 21

Meeting Location
Red River Convention Center
101 W River St,
Red River, NM 87558

- 8:30 -- [Welcoming Remarks](#) --Linda Calhoun, Mayor, Town of Red River; Curtis Sandoval Sr. War Chief, Taos Pueblo
- 9:30 -- [Impact of Increased Educational Attainment-Metrics to Monitor for Income Growth](#) -- Charles Sallee, Director, Legislative Finance Committee
- 10:30 -- [Higher Education Funding Formula](#) -- Connor Jorgensen, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee; Lily Earnest, Intern, Legislative Finance Committee
- 11:30 -- [Government Results and Opportunity Pilot Projects](#) -- Sarah Dinces, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Dr. Andrew Miner, Department of Finance and Administration
- Refresher on GRO Process
 - 2025 GRO Plans
 - Primer on 2024 GRO Process and Agency Presentations
- 12:00 -- Lunch
- 1:00 -- [Higher Education Department 2024: Government Results and Opportunity Pilot Projects](#) -- Stephanie Rodriguez, Cabinet Secretary, Higher Education Department; Ana Greif, Vice President for Workforce and Economic Development, San Juan College; James Johnston, President, Eastern New Mexico University
- Workforce Training (\$60 million)
- 2:00 -- [Workforce Solutions Department: 2024 Government Results and Opportunity Pilot Projects](#) -- Sarita Nair, Secretary, Department of Workforce Solutions
- Trades Career Exploration (\$6 million)
 - Youth Pre-Apprenticeship (\$1.8 million)
- 3:00 -- [Overview on Housing Strategies in New Mexico](#) -- Natalie Florence, Housing Policy Officer, Thornburg Foundation; Alex Horowitz, Pew Charitable Trusts
- 4:00 -- [Update on Property Insurance in New Mexico](#) -- Alice Kane, Superintendent of Insurance, Office of Superintendent of Insurance; Melissa Robertson, Bureau Chief of Property and Casualty, Office of Superintendent of Insurance; TBD, Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- 5:00 -- Adjourn

Wednesday, July 22

**--JOINT MEETING WITH THE
LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE--**

- 8:30 -- [Overview of New Mexico's Healthcare System](#) -- Allegra Hernandez, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee
- 10:00 -- [Cost Drivers in Healthcare and Medicaid Oversight](#) -- Eric Chenier, Principal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee; Kari Armijo, Cabinet Secretary, Health Care Authority; Viara Ianakieva, Life and Health Division Director, Office of Superintendent of Insurance
- Cost Increases/Changes
 - Private Insurance Premiums/Cost Growth
 - Administrative Structure
 - Administrative and Overhead Costs
- 11:45 -- [Public Comment](#)
- 12:00 -- Lunch

--LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE RESUMES--

- 1:00 -- [Coordinating Investments in Rural Economic Development and Quality of Life](#) -- Isaac Romero, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, Economic Development Department; Shanna Sasser, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, Department of Tourism; Toby Velasquez, Director of State Parks, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department; Hallie Brown, Deputy Director of Local Government Division, Department of Finance and Administration
- Coordination of Efforts Among Agencies (e.g. Advertising, Infrastructure)
 - Update on Quality of Life Grants
- 2:30 -- [Policy Spotlight: Industrial Revenue Bonds](#) -- Drew Weaver, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Michael Hess, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee
- 3:30 -- [Children, Youth & Families Department: 2024 Government Results and Opportunity Pilot Projects](#) -- Valarie Sandoval, Acting Secretary, Children, Youth & Families Department
- Master-Level Social Work Licensure (\$1.7 million)
 - Multi-level Response for CPS (\$4.2 million)
 - Prevention and Intervention Services (\$9 million)
 - Foster Care Support (\$3.8 million)
- 5:00 -- Adjourn

Thursday, July 23

- 8:00 -- [Update on 2026 Public School Formula Issues](#) -- Sunny Liu, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee; John Sena, Director, Legislative Education Study Committee; Mariana Padilla, Secretary, Public Education Department
- Operational Loopholes: Instructional Time and Distance Learning
 - Public School Capital Outlay: Local-State Match

- 9:30 -- [Public Education Department: 2024/2025 Public Education Reform Fund/GRO Pilot Projects](#) -- Sarah Dinces, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee; Jessica Hathaway, Deputy Director, Legislative Education Study Committee; Simon Miller, Performance Analyst, Department of Finance and Administration; Mariana Padilla, Secretary, Public Education Department

- 2024 GRO
 - Special Education Teacher Stipends (\$15 M)
 - Educator Clinical Practice Programs (\$60 M)
- 2025 PERF
 - Attendance Initiatives (\$18.6M)
 - Math Achievement (\$13.5M)
 - Unhoused Student GBI (\$6.3M)
 - Innovative Staffing (\$7.8M)
 - Secondary Literacy (\$15.6M)

- 11:00 -- Miscellaneous Committee Business

Action Items

- 1) Approval of June 2026 LFC Minutes

Review of Monthly Financial Reports & Information Items

- 2) Review of Draft LFC FY28 Budget Guidelines for August Approval
3) LFC FY26 Budget Status
4) BAR Report
5) Cash Balance Report
6) Full Time Employees by Agency
7) LFC Program Evaluation Status Report
8) Correspondence
9) Settlement Report

- 11:30 -- Adjourn

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