



**MINUTES
of the
THREE-HUNDRED-FIFTY-EIGHTH MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
January 19, 2015
Santa Fe**

The three-hundred-fifty-eighth meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order on Monday, January 19, 2015, at 1:15 p.m. in Room 307 of the State Capitol by Speaker W. Ken Martinez, co-chair.

Present

Rep. W. Ken Martinez, Co-Chair
Sen. Mary Kay Papen, Co-Chair
Rep. Donald E. Bratton
Sen. Carlos R. Cisneros
Rep. Anna M. Crook
Rep. Nate Gentry
Sen. Stuart Ingle
Rep. Rick Miera
Sen. William H. Payne
Sen. Clemente Sanchez
Sen. Michael S. Sanchez
Sen. William E. Sharer
Rep. Sheryl Williams Stapleton

Absent

Rep. Antonio "Moe" Maestas
Rep. Sheryl Williams Stapleton
Rep. Thomas C. Taylor

Special Advisory Members Present

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Rep. Thomas A. Anderson
Sen. Pete Campos
Rep. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales
Sen. Daniel A. Ivey-Soto
Rep. James Roger Madalena
Sen. Cisco McSorley
Sen. Mark Moores
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle
Rep. Debbie A. Rodella
Sen. John Arthur Smith
Rep. Don L. Tripp
Rep. Carl Trujillo

Special Advisory Members Absent

Rep. Mary Helen Garcia
Rep. Stephanie Garcia Richard
Rep. Jason C. Harper
Sen. George K. Munoz

Staff

Raúl E. Burciaga, Director, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
John Yaeger, Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, LCS
Amy Chavez-Romero, Assistant Director for Drafting, LCS
Kathy Pacheco-Dofflemeyer, Assistant Director for Administration, LCS
Jeret Fleetwood, Researcher, LCS

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the minutes of the three-hundred-fifty-seventh meeting of the council, from December 15, 2014, were approved as submitted.

Session Security

Major Joseph D. Lovato and Lieutenant Eduardo Martinez, both from the New Mexico State Police (NMSP), provided the council with an overview of session security. They explained that the state police detail assigned to the State Capitol would consist of 18 total officers in two rotations. Major Lovato also noted that officers from the Motor Transportation Division of the Department of Public Safety would be included in the detail for the first time.

In response to several questions about firearms in the State Capitol, Major Lovato explained that state law does not prohibit people from entering the State Capitol with a firearm. However, he noted that procedures are in place to monitor individuals who wish to bring firearms, such as rifles, into the building.

In response to questions regarding plainclothes officers, Major Lovato explained that plainclothes officers might be present at protests taking place outside of the State Capitol. He also pointed out that manpower for covering protests outside of the State Capitol is provided by the Santa Fe Police Department and NMSP, but does not include the 18 officers assigned to State Capitol security.

The council also had a discussion about the need to balance the safety and security of members, staff and the public with openness and access. Members pointed out that many other state capitols have metal detectors at each entrance, but that many of those capitols seem less friendly to the public.

The council directed staff to study security measures at other state capitols and make recommendations to the council.

Mr. Burciaga noted that a study of capitol security measures had been conducted recently, and that while several recommendations were considered and implemented, most of them were not made public. He also said that staff conducts exercises with state and local law enforcement, capitol security and sergeants-at-arms staff.

Staff Reports

Mr. Burciaga noted that the building upgrades and repairs were complete, but that a few more projects would begin immediately after the session. He also noted that buffering issues on webcasts had been resolved.

Mr. Burciaga also pointed out that links to two new videos, offering video tours of the State Capitol grounds and art collection, are available on the legislative web site. He noted that the videos were produced by LCS staff.

Representative Bratton suggested that the council look into providing funding for the transition of political control from one party to another.

Members of the council thanked the outgoing house members in attendance, Representatives Anderson, Bratton, Crook and Miera, for their service to the State of New Mexico.

There being no further business, the council adjourned at 2:15 p.m.