



**MINUTES  
of the  
THREE-HUNDRED-FIFTY-THIRD MEETING  
of the  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
January 20, 2014  
Santa Fe**

The three-hundred-fifty-third meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order on Monday, January 20, 2014, at 2:10 p.m. in Room 307 of the State Capitol by Senator Mary Kay Papen, 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  
Sen. Timothy M. Keller  
Rep. Antonio "Moe" Maestas  
Rep. Rick Miera  
Sen. William H. Payne  
Sen. Clemente Sanchez  
Sen. Michael S. Sanchez  
Sen. William E. Sharer  
Rep. Sheryl Williams Stapleton  
Rep. Thomas C. Taylor

**Absent**

**Special Advisory Members Present**

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon  
Rep. Thomas A. Anderson  
Rep. Mary Helen Garcia  
Rep. Stephanie Garcia Richard  
Rep. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales  
Rep. James Roger Madalena  
Sen. Cisco McSorley  
Sen. Mark Moores  
Sen. John Arthur Smith  
Rep. Carl Trujillo

**Special Advisory Members Absent**

Sen. Pete Campos  
Rep. Jason C. Harper  
Sen. Daniel A. Ivey-Soto  
Sen. George K. Munoz  
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle  
Rep. Debbie A. Rodella  
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.  
Rep. Don L. Tripp

**Other Legislators**

Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom

Sen. Howie C. Morales  
Rep. Luciano "Lucky" Varela

### **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, Locator Coordinator, LCS

### **Approval of Minutes**

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the minutes of the three-hundred-fifty-second meeting from October 11, 2013 were approved as submitted.

### **Interim Committee Business**

Mr. Burciaga explained that the Criminal Justice Reform Subcommittee, Jobs Council and Behavioral Health Subcommittee requested authorization to begin meeting after the session adjourns but before the next council meeting.

On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Behavioral Health Subcommittee, Criminal Justice Reform Subcommittee and Jobs Council were authorized to begin meeting before the next Legislative Council meeting.

### **Other Business**

Senator Clemente Sanchez noted that the president pro tempore, speaker and majority and minority floor leaders are often required to perform administrative duties in Santa Fe. He moved that the council authorize the following per diem and mileage reimbursements: eight days per year for the speaker and president pro tempore and six days per year for the majority and minority floor leaders of each chamber.

The council had a discussion about the appropriate number of days for leadership and whether to add some days for whips.

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council authorized the following per diem and mileage reimbursements for performing administrative and leadership duties: eight days per year for the speaker and president pro tempore, six days per year for the majority and minority floor leaders of each chamber and four days per year for the majority and minority whips of each chamber, with Representative Stapleton voting NO.

Mr. Burciaga explained that the legislative web site had been upgraded little by little over the past 10 years, but not completely overhauled. He requested council approval to revamp the legislative web site, which could involve surveying users and members about how best to do it. Mr. Burciaga noted that operational expenses would be used for the project.

In response to a question from Senator Cisneros, Mr. Burciaga said that wireless resources and security could also be explored.

Senator Sharer suggested also improving the voting boards in each chamber so that they can one day feed into the web site.

On a motion made, seconded and unanimously approved, the council approved overhauling the legislative web site.

### **Session Security**

Captain Mike Waring, New Mexico State Police, provided the council with an overview of the 2014 state police detail for the legislative session. He emphasized that the state police would focus on providing a safe, secure environment for members, staff and the public. Captain Waring noted that \$82,000 had been appropriated for officers for the legislative session. He also pointed out that a full dispatch center would be located nearby and that a tabletop exercise involving the LCS, the Department of Public Safety, the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and various other agencies had recently been conducted.

In response to a question from Representative Madalena, Captain Waring explained that all visitors may bring firearms into the State Capitol and that the state police try to make contact with those visitors carrying firearms. He noted that those visitors with long rifles were asked not to bring them inside and that visitors with firearms were generally shadowed by an officer while in the building.

In response to a question from Senator Cisneros, Mr. Burciaga explained that while discussions regarding firearms in the State Capitol have gone on for years, no statute or rule change has ever passed, so there is nothing in place to prohibit firearms in the building.

In response to another question from Senator Cisneros, Captain Waring said that visitors with firearms are not required to check in, but that those who are not carrying concealed weapons are usually spotted as they enter the building.

Speaker Martinez thanked Captain Waring and the New Mexico State Police for making the State Capitol safe during the session.

### **Staff Reports**

Mr. Burciaga noted that the legislative Committee on Compacts would meet on January 22 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 322.

Representative Madalena said that the committee would hear about the Navajo Nation gaming compact, receive testimony from the governor's negotiators and discuss changes made to the compact over the past year. He also noted that the only action taken at the meeting would be

questions and suggestions on items for negotiators to take back and discuss and that a vote on approval of the compact would take place at a future meeting.

In response to a question from Senator Keller, Mr. Burciaga explained that the legislature still had three chances to request that the governor and the Navajo Nation resume negotiations.

Speaker Martinez thanked everyone who had worked on the compact and said the legislature would try to avoid having to consider the compact at the last minute.

There being no further business, the council adjourned at 2:55 p.m.