

MINUTES
Legislative Education Study Committee
State Capitol, New Mexico
Santa Fe, New Mexico
May 10, 2022

Tuesday, May 10

The following voting and advisory committee members were present: Voting: Chair William P. Soules, Vice Chair G. Andrés Romero, Representatives Christine Trujillo, Susan K. Herrera, Brian G. Baca, T. Ryan Lane, Derrick J. Lente, and Senators Mimi Stewart, Harold Pope Jr., and Gay G. Kernan.

Advisory: Representatives Joy Garratt, Debra M. Sariñana, Patricia Roybal Caballero, Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson and Senators Craig W. Brandt, David M. Gallegos, Linda M. Lopez.

Call to Order. Conduct LESC Director Interviews. Chair Soules called the meeting to order and signaled the committee was ready to begin the interview process for the LESC Director position. LESC Director Candidates in order of appearance; Myrah Valteirrez, Daniel P. Benavidez and Gwen Perea Warniment, Ph.D., After interviews were concluded Chair Soules recessed the meeting. LESC members and staff met in executive session

Call to Order. Approval of LESC Director. Chair Soules called the second part of the meeting to order. Vice Chair Romero called for a motion to offer the LESC director position to Gwen Perea Warniment, Ph.D., and was seconded by Senator Kernan. Chair Soules asked LESC Acting Director Vanessa K. Hawker, Ph.D., to conduct roll call. All 10 voting members voted in the affirmative. Upon the roll call vote Chair Soules announced Gwen Perea Warniment, Ph.D., as the unanimous choice for the next LESC Director with all voting members voting in the affirmative with no oppositions. Senator Stewart asked the committee to recognize the work of LESC Acting Director Vanessa K. Hawker, Ph.D.