

**MINUTES
of the
FOURTH MEETING
of the
COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**August 25-27, 2026
Anderson Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum
9201 Balloon Museum Drive NE
Albuquerque**

The fourth meeting of the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee was called to order by Representative Christine Chandler, chair, on August 25, 2026 at 9:35 a.m. at the Anderson Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum in Albuquerque.

Present

Rep. Christine Chandler, Chair
Sen. Joseph Cervantes, Vice Chair
Rep. Marianna Anaya
Rep. Janelle Anyanonu
Sen. Crystal Brantley (8/26)
Rep. Nicole Chavez
Rep. William A. Hall II
Sen. Antonio Maestas (8/25)
Rep. Andrea Reeb
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez
Sen. James G. Townsend (8/25, 8/26)

Advisory Members

Sen. Heather Berghmans (8/25, 8/26)
Rep. John Block
Rep. Cynthia Borrego (8/27)
Rep. Eleanor Chávez
Sen. Katy Duhigg (8/26, 8/27)
Sen. Natalie Figueroa (8/25, 8/26)
Rep. Joy Garratt
Rep. Stefani Lord (8/26)
Sen. Micaelita Debbie O'Malley
Sen. Mimi Stewart (8/26, 8/27)

Guest Legislators

Rep. Kathleen Cates (8/26, 8/27)
Sen. Angel M. Charley (8/27)
Sen. Linda M. López (8/26, 8/27)

Absent

Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil
Sen. Cindy Nava
Rep. Andrea Romero
Rep. Angelica Rubio

Rep. Gail Armstrong
Sen. Pat Boone
Rep. Yanira Gurrola
Sen. Steve D. Lanier
Rep. Tara L. Lujan
Rep. Alan T. Martinez
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana
Rep. Sarah Silva
Rep. Nathan P. Small
Rep. Reena Szczepanski
Sen. Linda M. Trujillo
Sen. Peter Wirth

Rep. Marian Matthews
Rep. Cristina Parajón (8/25, 8/26)

(Attendance dates are noted for those members not present for the entire meeting.)

Staff

Sean Dolan, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Simon Suzuki, Staff Attorney, LCS
Domenica Nieto, Research Assistant, 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, August 25

Welcome and Introductions (9:35 a.m.)

Representative Chandler welcomed members of the committee and members of the public to the meeting.

Welcome Remarks (9:40 a.m.)

Raul Bujanda, executive director, Public Safety, City of Albuquerque, provided a brief overview of the City of Albuquerque's approach to public safety and welcomed members of the committee to the city.

Approach to the Position and Goals for the Albuquerque Police Department (9:54 a.m.)

Cecily Barker, chief, Albuquerque Police Department, presented her ideas for the direction of the Albuquerque Police Department and what steps she has taken so far. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=8/25/2026&ItemNumber=1>.

Approval of Minutes (11:07 a.m.)

The committee approved the minutes of the July 22-24, 2026 meeting.

Introduction and Goals for the New Mexico State Police Division (11:13 a.m.)

Matt Broom, interim chief, New Mexico State Police Division, Department of Public Safety, presented on the recent changes with the New Mexico State Police Division, policies he is intending to implement and the long-term direction of the division.

Update — Supreme Court Committee on Artificial Intelligence and the Courts (12:49 p.m.)

The Honorable Jane C. Levy, family court judge, Second Judicial District, and the Honorable Jarod Hofacket, district judge, Sixth Judicial District, provided an update on the Supreme Court's Committee on Artificial Intelligence, issues analyzed by the committee, preliminary findings and recommendations and issues to be discussed. The panel discussed how some individual judges have handled the use of artificial intelligence in courtrooms.

A Forgotten Source of Affordable Housing: Why We Should Preserve Manufactured Home Communities in New Mexico (1:46 p.m.)

Maria Griego, director of economic equity, New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty, presented on the use of manufactured homes in creating affordable housing, ongoing issues with manufactured homes and manufactured home communities and possible ways to expand the use of manufactured homes. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=8/25/2026&ItemNumber=4>.

Short Time Lines and Rising Rents: The Rental Landscape in 2026 (3:10 p.m.)

Riley Massé, senior economic equity attorney, New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty; Bryce Dorato, managing attorney, Housing Law Practice Group, New Mexico Legal Aid; and Cassie Fleming, managing attorney, New Mexico Legal Aid, presented an overview of the rental landscape in the state, including issues with supply, issues with landlords and what can be done to help people struggling to pay rent. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=8/25/2026&ItemNumber=5>.

Public Comment (4:27 p.m.)

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

Committee Discussion (4:42 p.m.)

The committee discussed future agenda items.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 4:54 p.m.

Wednesday, August 26

Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 9:39 a.m.

Prediction Markets — An Overview of the Issues (9:41 a.m.)

Anjana Samant, director, Impact Litigation Division, Department of Justice, and Steven Perfrement, senior counsel, Impact Litigation Division, Department of Justice, presented a brief overview of the legal framework of prediction markets, how they work in New Mexico and upcoming litigation regarding the markets.

Meta Litigation (10:24 a.m.)

Ms. Samant and Mr. Perfrement presented an overview of the Department of Justice's litigation against Meta and briefly discussed other states' litigation against Meta. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=8/25/2026&ItemNumber=7>.

Policy Approaches and Risk Management for Artificial Intelligence (12:23 p.m.)

Jeff Lopez, director, Office of Broadband Access and Expansion, presented on the Office of Broadband Access and Expansion's efforts to minimize the risk of artificial intelligence and potential artificial intelligence legislation. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=8/25/2026&ItemNumber=8>.

Prediction Pricing (1:38 p.m.)

Ifeoma Ozoma, director of technology policy, Kapur Center Advocacy, presented on large corporations using artificial intelligence to give higher prices to certain customers, ways to minimize the issue and how the technology is advancing. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=8/25/2026&ItemNumber=9>.

Privacy and Consumer Protection in the Age of Artificial Intelligence (2:28 p.m.)

Matthew Murrell, assistant professor of law, University of New Mexico School of Law, presented an academic perspective on privacy concerns due to artificial intelligence and steps states can take to protect people from adverse effects of artificial intelligence. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=8/25/2026&ItemNumber=10>.

Surveillance Technology and Procurement (3:44 p.m.)

Cristopher Moore, Ph.D., professor, Santa Fe Institute, and member, Interdisciplinary Working Group on Algorithmic Justice, presented on how artificial intelligence is used in surveillance and discussed people's rights in the age of artificial intelligence surveillance. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=8/25/2026&ItemNumber=11>.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 4:29 p.m.

Thursday, August 27**Reconvene**

The meeting reconvened at 8:39 a.m.

Public Safety: Tribal and State Current Status and Opportunities (8:41 a.m.)

Senator Charley and Representative Michelle Paulene Abeyta, District 69, discussed issues with jurisdiction on tribal lands, cooperation between departments and areas for improvement and what they have learned from recent town halls. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=8/25/2026&ItemNumber=12>.

***Santillan Quiroz v. Mullin* (10th Cir. 2026) and Habeas Corpus in the Context of Immigrant Detention (9:50 a.m.)**

Rebecca Sheff, senior staff attorney, American Civil Liberties Union, and Zoe Bowman, managing attorney, New Mexico Immigrant Law Center, presented on some recent court cases about immigrant detention, how immigration detention is being done in the state and possible legislative fixes. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=8/25/2026&ItemNumber=13>.

Office of the Child Advocate (10:52 a.m.)

Dawn Walters, child advocate, Office of Child Advocate, and Representative Abeyta discussed the opening of the Office of Child Advocate, what has been completed so far, complications that have arisen and potential legislative improvements to the office. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=8/25/2026&ItemNumber=14>.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.