

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

**October 17-19, 2022  
Pete McDavid Lounge  
University Arena - The Pit  
University of New Mexico  
1111 University Boulevard SE  
Albuquerque**

The sixth meeting of the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee was called to order by Representative Gail Chasey, co-chair, on October 17, 2022 at 9:48 a.m. in the Pete McDavid Lounge at The Pit in Albuquerque.

**Present**

Rep. Gail Chasey, Co-Chair  
Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon  
Rep. Linda Garcia Benavides  
Sen. Daniel A. Ivey-Soto (10/18)  
Sen. Linda M. Lopez\*  
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill  
Rep. William "Bill" R. Rehm  
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana (10/17, 10/18)  
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez  
Rep. Christine Trujillo

**Advisory Members**

Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo (10/19)  
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero (10/17, 10/18)  
Sen. Peter Wirth (10/18)

**Absent**

Sen. Joseph Cervantes, Co-Chair  
Rep. Karen C. Bash  
Rep. Zachary J. Cook  
Rep. Antonio Maestas  
Sen. Mark Moores  
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle

Sen. Gregory A. Baca  
Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena  
Sen. Jacob R. Candelaria  
Rep. Christine Chandler  
Sen. Katy M. Duhigg  
Rep. Doreen Y. Gallegos  
Rep. T. Ryan Lane  
Rep. Georgene Louis  
Rep. Roger E. Montoya  
Rep. Andrea Romero  
Sen. Mimi Stewart

**Guest Legislator**

Rep. Susan K. Herrera (10/18)

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

\*Appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate as a voting member for this meeting only.

### **Staff**

Sean Dolan, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)

Christopher Copeland, Staff Attorney, LCS

Nancy Martinez, Research Assistant, LCS

Grecia Duarte, Intern, LCS

### **Guests**

The guest list is in the meeting file.

### **Handouts**

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and are 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](http://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.

### **Monday, October 17**

#### **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Presentation on Report of Inmate Fight (10:03 a.m.)**

Barron Jones, senior policy analyst, ACLU of New Mexico, and Matthew Coyte, attorney, Coyte Law, P.C., presented a video obtained and produced by the ACLU showing an inmate fight in a New Mexico prison. The committee discussed the video and various ways an independent oversight of the Corrections Department may be established. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/CCJ%20101722%20Item%201%20Video%20Presentation%20Link.pdf>.

#### **Albuquerque Violence Intervention Program (VIP) Update (1:03 p.m.)**

Mariela Ruiz-Angel, director, Albuquerque Community Safety, City of Albuquerque; Dr. Elizabeth Silva, division manager, VIP; and Angel Garcia, program manager, Social Services, VIP, provided an overview of the VIP, including information regarding how the VIP assists the community, a pilot program at West Mesa High School and how the program hopes to grow. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/CCJ%20101722%20Item%202%20VIP%20CCJ%20Presentation%20.pdf>.

**Approval of Minutes (2:47 p.m.)**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, and without any objections, the committee approved the minutes of the September 28-30, 2022 meeting.

**Ideas to Address Gun Violence (2:48 p.m.)**

Representative Marian Matthews led a discussion addressing gun violence, including a review of intimate partner deaths and a review of who can possess firearms or ammunition without violating a citizen's second amendment right. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=10/17/2022&ItemNumber=3>.

**Recess**

The committee recessed at 3:21 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 18****Regional Water Systems (9:40 a.m.)**

Senator Wirth; Representative Herrera; Ramon Lucero, Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC); and Rick Martinez, consultant, RCAC, presented the committee with a past bill draft and a new working bill draft regarding the creation of the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=10/17/2022&ItemNumber=4>.

**Public Comment (11:43 p.m.)**

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

**Update from the Attorney General (1:01 p.m.)**

Hector Balderas, attorney general, Office of the Attorney General; Collin Brennan, director, Special Prosecutions Division, Office of the Attorney General; and Joseph Martinez, deputy director, Medicaid Fraud Control, Office of the Attorney General, presented an overview of the Office of the Attorney General, including information regarding organized retail crime, officer-involved shootings, Medicaid fraud and various other crime-related issues and potential legislation to be proposed.

**Recess**

The committee recessed at 3:36 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 19**

**State Bar of New Mexico Equity and Inclusion Office (9:42 a.m.)**

Amanda Parker, Ph.D., director, Equity in Justice Program, State Bar of New Mexico, presented an overview of the State Bar's Equity in Justice Program, including data regarding employment, bar passage rates and programs to diversify the legal field.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.