

**MINUTES
of the
SEVENTY-FIFTH MEETING
of the
PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE**

**October 14, 2020
Video Conference Meeting**

The seventy-fifth meeting of the Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force was called to order by Senator William P. Soules, chair, on October 14, 2020 at 9:13 a.m. by video and audio conference via an online platform.

Present

Sen. William P. Soules, Chair
Rep. G. Andrés Romero, Vice Chair
Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Martha "Marty" Braniff
Rep. Jack Chatfield
Carl Foster
Rep. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Antonio Ortiz (designee for Secretary of
Public Education Ryan Stewart)
T.J. Parks
Debbie Romero, Acting Secretary of
Finance and Administration
Stan Rounds
Eugene Schmidt
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.

Advisory Members

Rep. Harry Garcia
Sen. Daniel A. Ivey-Soto
Sen. Gay G. Kernan
Sen. Michael Padilla
Sen. Mimi Stewart (designee for Sen. Mary
Kay Papen)

Staff

Raúl E. Burciaga, Director, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Lenaya Montoya, Staff Attorney, LCS
Erin Bond, Research Assistant, LCS

Absent

Sen. Craig W. Brandt
Rep. Brian Egolf
Kirk Hartom
Sen. Stuart Ingle
Sen. Mary Kay Papen
Richard A. Perea
Mike Phipps
Sen. William E. Sharer
Sen. John Arthur Smith

Sen. George K. Munoz
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle
Sen. Sander Rue
Rep. Christine Trujillo
Sen. Pat Woods

Handouts

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

Wednesday, October 14

Welcome and Introductions (9:13 a.m.)

Senator Soules welcomed task force members and staff, had task force members introduce themselves and introduced the presentations for the day.

Update on Recent Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) Programs and Awards (9:22 a.m.)

Joe Guillen, chair, PSCOC, and executive director, New Mexico School Boards Association; Jonathan Chamblin, executive director, Public School Facilities Authority (PSFA); and Randy Evans, chief financial officer, PSFA, provided an update on the programs and awards distributed through the PSCOC. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/PSCO%20101420%20Item%201%20%20Awards%20and%20Programs%20Revised.pdf>.

Questions and comments from task force members addressed the following topics:

- Mesa View Elementary School match and a question regarding the high match in comparison to other schools;
- Albuquerque Public School District funding and federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act money;
- whether the Bluewater Elementary School will be receiving funding soon;
- federal impact aid districts and their appeals of distributions, the credits against their funds and whether these credits should be brought into consideration when distributing capital outlay funds;
- reconsideration of the PSCOC standards-based awards;
- whether the PSCOC is still providing funding to public schools to increase school security;
- the process of school construction, teacher housing on tribal lands and awards to tribal schools; and
- how oil and gas production may affect PSCOC financial plans.

Expansion of the PSFA's Broadband Program, Remote Learning During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Closing the Homework Gap (10:27 a.m.)

Mr. Chamblin and Ovidiu Viorica, broadband program manager, PSFA, provided the task force with an update on the PSFA's broadband program and remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/PSCO%20101420%20Item%202%20PSFA%20Broadband%20Expansion%20and%20Remote%20Learning%20during%20the%20Pandemic.pdf>.

Questions and comments from task force members addressed the following topics:

- whether the PSFA is tracking if school districts are increasing internet speeds to conform to Federal Communications Commission requirements and receiving funding to increase their internet speeds;
- a statewide K-12 educational broadband network and whether it is already in statute;
- application for federal E-Rate Program funds by the secretary of information technology to increase access to broadband services statewide;
- the lack of broadband access on tribal land;
- \$10 million per year in PSCOC and PSFA funding, which could be used to increase broadband access statewide;
- the determination of internet access and the internet capacity inside individual homes and throughout school districts;
- ways the Department of Finance and Administration could support the increase of broadband access statewide;
- the broadband needs of rural New Mexicans; and
- efforts to coordinate with the Children, Youth and Families Department or the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative to provide internet access through the agencies' telehealth access.

School Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Systems and COVID-19 Risk Reduction (11:40 a.m.)

Mr. Chamblin and Adán Delgado, deputy secretary of finance and operations, Public Education Department, provided the task force with an update on school heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and the guidelines to reduce COVID-19 risk in schools. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=PSCO&Date=10/14/2020&ItemNumber=3>.

Questions and comments from task force members addressed the following topics:

- air purifying systems for schools and whether schools are requesting these as part of their COVID-19 responses;
- the inspection of schools to see if they are complying with social distancing, mask wearing and other COVID-19 risk reduction guidelines;
- monitoring of air quality in schools and whether this is part of guidance requirements for schools reopening; and
- cost control in schools for COVID-19 risk reduction.

SB 9 Program Units and Prior-Year Land Valuations for State Match Calculation (12:15 p.m.)

Rachel Gudgel, director, Legislative Education Study Committee, and Mr. Ortiz provided the task force with an update on the program units provided in SB 9 funding through the Public School Capital Improvements Act and the state match calculation. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/PSCO%20101420%20Item%204%20SB9%20Presentation.pdf>.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.