

**MINUTES  
of the  
SECOND MEETING  
of the  
TOBACCO SETTLEMENT REVENUE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**September 21, 2021  
State Capitol, Room 322  
Santa Fe**

The second meeting of the Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee was called to order by Senator Martin Hickey, co-chair, on September 21, 2021 at 9:03 a.m in Room 322 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

**Present**

Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary, Co-Chair  
Sen. Martin Hickey, Co-Chair  
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson  
Rep. Jack Chatfield\*

**Absent**

Sen. Linda M. Lopez  
Sen. Gregg Schmedes  
Rep. Luis M. Terrazas

**Advisory Members**

Rep. Gail Chasey  
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto

\*Appointed as a voting member of the Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee for September 21, 2021 only.

**Staff**

Sean Dolan, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)  
Elisabeth Johnson, Staff Attorney, LCS  
Sabina Gaynor, Staff Attorney, 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](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.

**Tuesday, September 21**

**Update from the University of New Mexico (UNM) Health Sciences Center (HSC) (9:08 a.m.)**

Garnett Stokes, Ph.D., president, UNM; Richard Larson, M.D., Ph.D., executive vice chancellor and vice chancellor for research, UNM HSC; Susan Smolinske, Pharm.D., director, New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center; Shirley Abraham, M.D., geographic medical director of pediatric specialty clinics, UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center; and Jessica M. Valdez, M.D., M.P.H., UNM primary investigator, Children's Oncology Group, provided the committee with an update on the use of funds by the HSC. The presentation materials may be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TSROC&Date=9/21/2021&ItemNumber=1>.

**Protecting New Mexico Children from the Tobacco Industry (10:46 a.m.)**

Mahesh Sita, director, Government Relations, American Heart Association, and Linda Siegle, Government Relations, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, presented on the benefits of raising the tobacco tax in New Mexico. The presentation may be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TSROC%20092121%20Item%202%20Benefits%20of%20Tobacco%20Taxes%20in%20New%20Mexico-%2008-21.pdf>.

**Update from the Department of Health (DOH) (1:01 p.m.)**

Renaldo Wilson, M.A., A.C.S.M.-C.E.P., program director, Tobacco Use Prevention and Control, DOH; Kristin Hansen, manager, Education and Outreach, DOH; Deyonne Sandoval, director, Diabetes and Heart Health, DOH; and Josh Swatek, program manager, Hepatitis and Harm Reduction, DOH, provided an update regarding the DOH's use of funds. The presentation materials may be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TSROC&Date=9/21/2021&ItemNumber=3>.

**Update from the Indian Affairs Department (IAD) (2:10 p.m.)**

Chandler Kahawai, chief financial officer and manager, Administrative Service Division, IAD, provided the committee with an update regarding the IAD's use of funds. The presentation materials may be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TSROC&Date=9/21/2021&ItemNumber=4>.

**Update from the Human Services Department (HSD) (2:43 p.m.)**

Katherine Leyba, bureau chief, Quality Bureau, Medical Assistance Division, HSD, and Nicole Comeaux, director, Medical Assistance Division, HSD, provided the committee with an update on the HSD's use of funds. The presentation may be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TSROC%20092121%20Item%205%20HSD.pdf>

**Approval of Minutes (3:17 p.m.)**

Upon a motion made and seconded, and without any objections, the committee approved the minutes of the June 11, 2021 meeting.

**Public Comment (3:18 p.m.)**

There was no public comment.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.