

2026 Council Working Groups & External Entities

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A	FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP	To monitor and advocate federal legislative issues of interest to the County, e.g., land transfer, environmental cleanup; to consider issues proposed by and to be proposed to the legislature, National League of Counties, etc.	3 Councilors and County Manager	County Manager's Office	As needed.	Theresa Cull Suzie Havemann Randall Ryti	Randall Ryti Theresa Cull Ryn Herrmann
B	REGIONAL & STATE WORKING GROUP	To facilitate an understanding and a unified advisory response on issues that impact Cities, Counties, Pueblos, and regional organizations within Northern New Mexico; to develop and monitor state legislative agenda; and to coordinate on issues proposed by and to be proposed to NM Counties and NM Municipal League.	3 Councilors and County Manager	County Manager's Office	As needed	Theresa Cull Melanee Hand David Reagor	Randall Ryti Melanee Hand Ryn Herrmann
C	AUDIT WORKING GROUP	To facilitate communication between management and auditors and to help focus and document the government's process for managing the financial statement audit.	3 Councilors, County Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Deputy Utilities Manager for Finance, and a member of the Utilities Board.	Melissa Dadzie, Chief Financial Officer	As needed	Theresa Cull Suzie Havemann Ryn Herrmann	Randall Ryti Beverly Neal-Clinton David Reagor
D	RULES WORKING GROUP	To review Council Procedural Rules and Rules of Conduct and present updated rules for Council adoption.	3 Councilors	County Attorney's Office	As needed	Suzie Havemann Melanee Hand Beverly Neal-Clinton	Theresa Cull Suzie Havemann Beverly Neal-Clinton
E	UTILITY POLICY WORKING GROUP	To review DPU policies and present updated policies for Council adoption.	3 Councilors	Department of Public Utilities	As needed	Theresa Cull Suzie Havemann David Reagor	Melanee Hand Ryn Herrmann Beverly Neal-Clinton
F	JAIL INSPECTION TEAM	To fulfill requirements for official jail inspection by governing body.	3 Councilors	Jackie Salazar	Annually	Theresa Cull Beverly Neal-Clinton Melanee Hand	Randall Ryti Theresa Cull Ryn Herrmann

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G	B&C WORKPLAN REVIEW WORKING GROUP	To review B&C work plans before they are submitted for Council approval to ensure work corresponds with Council priorities	3 Councilors	Adrienne Lovato	Annually	Theresa Cull Randall Ryti David Reagor	Melanee Hand Ryn Herrmann Beverly Neal-Clinton
H	B&C LUNCHEON	To provide opportunity for B&C members to interact with each other, with County staff, and with Councilors; to determine similar interests and efforts; to prevent duplicate efforts; and to broaden knowledge of countywide projects, activities, and progress.	B&C Chairs, Councilors, Department Directors, and CMO Representatives.	Adrienne Lovato	Quarterly – Thursdays of March, May, September, and November	Chair plus 2 rotating Councilors	Chair plus 2 rotating Councilors
K	JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD	To help youth and families feel and be connected, valued, and recognized through community, family, and individual activities.	Los Alamos County	Lisa Zuhn	3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:00 pm, at Pajarito Cliffs (Building 1)	Melanee Hand	Beverly Neal-Clinton
L	COUNTY/ LAPS/UNM-LA MONTHLY MEETINGS	To communicate and coordinate among County, LAPS, and UNM-LA on issues of mutual interest	School Superintendent, School Board Members, UNM-LA Chancellor, Council Leadership, County Manager, Deputy County Managers	Jackie Salazar	3rd Thursday of the month, Noon, location rotates among County, LAPS, and UNM-LA	Chair Vice Chair	Chair Vice Chair

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N	MAINSTREET FUTURE WORKING GROUP	A forum to discuss downtown issues and to provide advice on MainStreet activities; to identify and promote new and varied uses for underutilized commercial buildings; to identify new market opportunities for downtown; to provide input and advice on promotional activities of the MainStreet program; and to identify and promote opportunities to physically improve public areas, buildings, and businesses in downtown.	Los Alamos County	Jacquelyn Connolly, Executive Director	2nd Monday of the month, 11:00 am, Conference Room at Central Park Square	Randall Ryti David Reagor Ryn Herrmann	Suzie Havemann Ryn Herrmann David Reagor
O	MIRADOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD	Charged with oversight of the Mirador Public Improvement District, formed in October 2018. Tasks include finalization of applicable PID formation documents; preliminary and final approval of an annual budget sufficient to pay debt service; exercise of remedies to collect delinquent PID special levies; approval of audited financial statement; and approval of continuing disclosure reports.	5 board members, including 3 appointed Councilors or elected Mirador residents	Eli Isaacson, Community Development Director	Meetings typically twice a year	David Reagor Beverly Neal-Clinton Ryn Herrmann	David Reagor liaison

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P	ENERGY COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE (ECA)	A non-profit, membership organization of local governments, adjacent to or impacted by Department of Energy (DOE) activities, tasked to share information, establish policy positions, and promote community interests that address a complex set of constituent, environmental, regulatory, and economic development needs.	Communities nationwide adjacent to or impacted by DOE national nuclear security activities. Members include Idaho Falls, Los Alamos, Livermore, Oak Ridge, Rocky Flats, Savannah River, and smaller locations.	County Manager's Office	Spring and Fall national meetings, various locations	Randall Ryti, Treasurer Theresa Cull	Randall Ryti, Treasurer Ryn Herrmann alternate
Q	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)	To assist counties in a variety of ways: Representing counties in Washington D.C. on issues such as homeland security, elections, transportation funding, etc.; saving money through purchasing discounts; different service projects.	Counties nationwide	Matthew Chase, Executive Director; County Manager's Office	Legislative Conference; Western Conference; Annual Conference	David Reagor Open to Other Interested Councilors	Randall Ryti David Reagor Open to Other Interested Councilors
R	NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES (NLC)	To advocate for and protect the interests of cities, towns, and villages by influencing federal policy, strengthening local leadership, and driving innovative solutions.	Cities nationwide	County Manager's Office	Congressional City Conference: City Summit:	Open to Interested Councilors	Open to Interested Councilors
S	NEW MEXICO COUNTIES (NMC)	To work as a united body promoting effective and efficient county government, by representing the interests of all counties through dedicated elected county officials, by gathering and sharing information, and by providing a forum for open discussion of any issues important to counties.	Any New Mexico county that pays dues.	Steve Kopelman, Executive Director	Mid Winter Legislative, Jan 20-23, Santa Fe. Annual, June 22-26, TBD	Randall Ryti	Randall Ryti

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T	NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (NMML)	To solve mutual problems and make recommendations to the State and Federal government; to promote improvement and efficiency in municipal government and in the administration of municipal affairs; to establish a central office of information and research for the practical study of matters pertaining to municipal government.	Elected officials and staff of New Mexico municipalities in good standing.	AJ Forte, Executive Director	Municipal Day: Annual Conference, Sept 9-12 in Ruidoso	Melanee Hand Alternate:Randall Ryti	Melanee Hand Alternate:Randall Ryti
U	NM COUNTY INSURANCE AUTHORITY (NMCIA)	To provide workers' compensation, multi-line, and law enforcement coverage for its member Counties.	Representatives from counties that utilize this service, and administered by New Mexico Counties.	Cynthia Stephenson, Risk Management Specialist	Scheduled as needed	Randall Ryti Alternate: Anne Laurent	Randall Ryti Alternate: Anne Laurent
V	NM MUNICIPAL LEAGUE SELF INSURERS' FUND	To provide workers' compensation and liability insurance for its member municipalities, and manage a \$55 million asset pool to provide affordable protection to its member municipalities.	Representatives elected from municipal districts to a State Board, and a National Committee that manages the fund.	AJ Forte Executive Director	Scheduled as needed	Randall Ryti	Randall Ryti

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W	NORTH CENTRAL NEW MEXICO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (NCNMEDD)	To stimulate economic growth and orderly development through multi-county planning and investment (MECDD Joint Powers Agreement, 1967). Provides planning and technical assistance to its member communities. Provides loans to small businesses and contracts for services to the elderly. Is the gateway to the U.S. Economic Development Administration and a planning partner for its members. (www.nmlocalgov.net/nc)	Colfax County, Los Alamos County, Mora County, Rio Arriba County, San Miguel County, Santa Fe County, Taos County, Sandoval County, Northern Pueblos, Southern Pueblos.	Tim Armer	Monthly in Santa Fe at 1:00 p.m.	Melanee Hand Ryn Herrmann Alternate: Anne Laurent	Melanee Hand Ryn Herrmann Alternate: Anne Laurent
X	NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT	To serve the residents within District boundaries by providing for the creation of the Regional Transit District; to provide transportation alternatives for goods, services, jobs, and activities of the community; and to finance, plan, construct, operate, maintain, and promote a regional public transit system.	Open to governmental units, including the State, a County or Municipality of the State, or an Indian Nation, Tribe, or Pueblo located within the boundaries of the State. May include any governmental unit within the boundaries of Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, or Santa Fe Counties.	Risk Management Specialist	First Friday of the month, 1:00 PM	Melanee Hand Alternate: James Barela	Melanee Hand Alternate: James Barela
Y	NORTHERN AREA LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (NALWDB)	To educate and train the workforce to meet the changing needs of Northern New Mexico. Incorporated in 2001 as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) to operate as the Administrative Entity for workforce funds in the 10 Northern New Mexico counties	10 Northern New Mexico Counties: Cibola, Colfax, Los Alamos, McKinley, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Juan, San Miguel, Santa Fe, and Taos.	Lisa Ortiz, Executive Director		Melanee Hand Alternate: Theresa Cull	Melanee Hand Alternate: Theresa Cull

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Z	COALITION OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES NEW MEXICO	The Coalition is guided by its Board of Directors, Working Groups, Technical Advisory and Members Services (TAMS) Committee, and Executive Director and other Coalition staff. Principal services include advocacy, collaboration, networking, and solutions development. (https://www.coalitionscnm.org/)	New Mexico cities, counties, and Native American pueblos, nations, and tribes.	Christian Casillas, Executive Director	Quarterly, with an additional annual meeting. Roundtables on topics of interest and legislative updates during the sessions are also available.	Randall Ryti Angelica Gurule	Angelica Gurule Suzie Havemann
AA	NORTHERN NEW MEXICO CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD (NNMCAB)	A Department of Energy (DOE) Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, chartered in 1997, to provide the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management and designees with independent advice, information, and recommendations on issues affecting the EM program. (www.energy.gov/em/nnmcab/northern-new-mexico-citizens-advisory-board)	Regional		Monthly, or as needed	Anne Laurent Abby Heyward Open to Councilors as interested	Anne Laurent Abby Heyward Open to Councilors as interested
AB	TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)	Offers an opportunity to deep dive into technical basis for cleanup decisions for the Los Alamos Legacy Cleanup Program. Focus areas are groundwater plumes (Chromium and RDX) and Material Disposal Areas (MDAs).	Regional	N3B Los Alamos	Was largely inactive in 2025	Randall Ryti Open to other Councilors as interested	Inactive