

**TENTATIVE AGENDA  
for the  
FIFTH MEETING  
of the  
INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**October 30, 2024  
Institute of American Indian Arts  
83 Avan Nu Po Road  
Santa Fe**

**October 31-November 1, 2024  
State Capitol, Room 307  
Santa Fe**

**Wednesday, October 30 — Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA)**

- 10:00 a.m.           **Call to Order and Introductions**  
—Representative D. Wonda Johnson, Chair
- 10:15 a.m.       (1)   **[Welcome and Status Update from the IAIA](#)**  
—Larry Mirabal, Vice President of Operations, IAIA  
—Felipe Colon, Provost, IAIA
- 10:45 a.m.       (2)   **[Office of the State Engineer \(OSE\): Status of Indian Water Rights Settlements and the Indian Water Rights Settlement Fund](#)**  
—Elizabeth K. Anderson, State Engineer, OSE  
—Hannah Riseley-White, Director, Interstate Stream Commission  
—Nat Chakeres, General Counsel, OSE
- 11:45 a.m.           **Lunch**
- 12:35 p.m.       (3)   **[Update on the Yazzie/Martinez Lawsuit and Outcomes](#)**  
—Sunny Liu, Principal Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee  
—John Sena, Interim Director, Legislative Education Study Committee
- 1:35 p.m.       (4)   **[Board of Education of the Zuni Public School District, et al. v. State of New Mexico and the Public School Capital Outlay Council](#)**  
—Ellen Venegas, Assistant Solicitor General, Civil Appeals, State Department of Justice
- 2:35 p.m.       (5)   **[Diné College](#)**  
—Charles "Monty" Roessel, Ed.D., President, Diné College

- 3:35 p.m. (6) [Indian Affairs Department \(IAD\) Update on the State-Tribal Collaboration Act and Department Priorities](#)  
—Josett Monette, Secretary, IAD  
—Seth Damon, Deputy Secretary, IAD
- 4:35 p.m. (7) [Alliance for Local Economic Prosperity \(ALEP\): Public Banking Benefits for Tribal Lands and Communities](#)  
—Angela Merkert, Executive Director, ALEP  
—Harold Dixon, Member, Advisory Board, ALEP
- 5:00 p.m. **Public Comment\***
- 5:15 p.m. **Recess**

**Thursday, October 31 — State Capitol**

- 9:30 a.m. **Reconvene**
- 9:45 a.m. (8) [Update from the Santa Fe Indian School \(SFIS\)](#)  
—Christie Abeyta, Superintendent, SFIS  
—Gary Lujan, Director, Trust Land Management, SFIS
- 10:45 a.m. (9) [Update from the Public Education Department \(PED\)](#)  
—TBD
- 11:45 a.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (10) [Public Television Partnerships with Tribal Communities](#)  
—Franz Joachim, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, New Mexico PBS
- 2:00 p.m. (11) [Adult Education and Literacy Enrollment and Proposals and Their Link to Children's Educational Outcomes: Higher Education Department \(HED\)](#)  
—Amber Gallup, Ph.D., Director, Adult Education Division, HED  
—Katya Backhaus, Ph.D., Data Administrator, State High School Equivalency and Adult Education, HED
- 3:00 p.m. (12) [Department of Health \(DOH\): Tribal Health Partnerships](#)  
—Patrick Allen, Secretary, DOH  
—Janet Johnson, Tribal Liaison, DOH
- 4:00 p.m. **Public Comment\***
- 4:15 p.m. **Recess**

**Friday, November 1 — State Capitol**

9:30 a.m.           **Reconvene**

9:35 a.m.       (13) **Committee Discussion: Legislation Endorsements**  
—TBD

11:35 a.m.       **Adjourn**

\*Members of the public may make virtual public comments during the public comment period of the meeting by following the instructions under the "Virtual Public Comment" section of the Indian Affairs Committee [web page](#).