



**New Mexico Higher Education Department
Capital Projects Committee Meeting
Animas Conference Room
2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4
Santa Fe, NM 87505**

Thursday, December 11, 2025

9:30 a.m.

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:29am

2. Roll Call of Committee Members

Present were Chairman Campos, Member Jorgensen, Member Trujillo, Member Delgado, Member Guillen, and Member Brown

3. Approval of Agenda

Approved as amended

4. Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2025, Capital Projects Committee Meeting

Approved

5. Announcements:

- a. Next Capital Projects Committee Meeting will be held on January 14, 2026.
- b. NMHED Offices will be closed Thursday, December 25, 2025, and Thursday, January 1, 2026.
- c. Reminders ahead of the 2026 Regular Legislative Session.
 - i. Executive and Legislative local capital outlay forms are available online. Submissions to LCS close Friday, December 12 and to the Governor Monday, December 15. If you have questions, reach out to DFA IPDD leadership, Jesse Guillen. Details can also be found in the letter from the Office of the Governor dated September 3, 2025.
 - ii. Reauthorization for a project with a reversion date of June 30, 2026, and NMHED capital as the fiscal agent, reach out to the NMHED capital division. Complete the DFA spreadsheet by Friday, December 12, 2025, and submit it to the division.



Projects to be reviewed

**6. Central New Mexico Community College – \$1,250,000
SRC Chiller Replacement**

Presenters: Olivia Padilla-Jackson, VP of Finance and Operations; Andrew Jacobson, AVP of Finance and Operations; Marvin Martinez, ED of Physical Plant Department; Martin Olea, Policy Liaison

This project replaces an aging water-cooled chiller serving a student resource facility that supports core academic and student services, including library space, computer labs, tutoring, shared meeting areas, and planned fitness space. The existing chiller is nearing the end of its useful life and has become increasingly difficult to maintain due to limited availability of replacement parts and outdated technology. The replacement will improve system reliability, reduce maintenance risks, and support uninterrupted use of a heavily utilized student facility. The project incorporates energy-efficient equipment and aligns with institutional sustainability objectives. Funding is provided through BRR resources. The project was approved with no contingencies.

Approved

**7. New Mexico State University-Dona Ana – \$2,100,000
DACC Gadsden Campus Entrance Road**

Presenters: Berta Zubiarte, University Architect, NMSU; Evaristo Giron, AD Project Development and Engineering

This project constructs a new campus entrance roadway to improve safety, accessibility, and visibility for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. The existing access presents safety concerns during peak traffic periods and limited visibility conditions. Project scope includes roadway construction from the frontage road, site preparation, installation of sidewalks and lighting, asphalt paving, and resurfacing of existing parking areas. The project is coordinated with transportation agencies and is designed to accommodate anticipated increases in traffic volume over time while retaining existing access points for secondary and emergency use. Funding is provided through a combination of local general obligation bond funds and state obligation bonds. The project was approved with no contingencies.

Approved

8. Adjourn

Adjourned at 9:45am