



NEW MEXICO STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02 Authorizing the demand and civil action against former staff members of Taos Municipal Schools and associated companies they had that received expenditures from that school district in violation of the Procurement Code and Governmental Conduct Act.

WHEREAS, THE NEW MEXICO STATE ETHICS COMMISSION (“Commission”) met virtually on February 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.;

WHEREAS, the Commission has the authority to investigate violations and bring a civil action to enforce the Procurement Code, NMSA 1978, §§ 13-1-28 to -199 (1984, as amended through current law);

WHEREAS, the Commission has the authority to investigate violations and bring a civil action to enforce the Governmental Conduct Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 10-16-1 to -18 (1967, as amended through current law);

WHEREAS, the Commission has reason to believe that former staff members of Taos Municipal Schools engaged in conduct that may constitute violations of the Procurement Code;

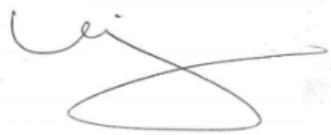
WHEREAS, the Commission has reason to believe that former staff members of Taos Municipal Schools engaged in conduct that may constitute violations of the Governmental Conduct Act;

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has sought the approval of the Commission to initiate a civil action under NMSA 1978, §§ 13-1-196, 13-1-197, 10-16-18(B), and 10-16G-9(F), to remedy violations of the Procurement Code and the Governmental Conduct Act, and has explained the proposed civil action and remedies to be sought;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New Mexico State Ethics Commission:

1. The Commission's attorney staff are authorized to demand compliance with the Procurement Code, to engage in settlement negotiations and mediation, and to prepare and file a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction seeking to enforce the civil compliance provisions of the Procurement Code and any other relief that the court deems just and proper.
2. The Commission's attorney staff are authorized to demand compliance with the Governmental Conduct Act, to engage in settlement negotiations and mediation, and to prepare and file a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction seeking to enforce the civil compliance provisions of the Governmental Conduct Act and any other relief that the court deems just and proper.
3. If Commission staff file a lawsuit to enforce the Procurement Code and/or the Governmental Conduct Act arising from this matter, the Executive Director is instructed to provide regular updates on the status of the litigation at Commission meetings held in closed session. Commission staff shall communicate with the Chair as necessary between Commission meetings.
4. The Executive Director is authorized to enter into agreements resolving, settling, or dismissing claims brought against any person in this matter upon having conferred with the Chair or the Chair's designee.

Adopted by the New Mexico State Ethics Commission this 13th day of February 2026.



The Hon. William F. Lang
New Mexico State Ethics Commission Chair