



NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report Presented to the NMCAL Membership August 04, 2023

This report summarizes the Committee's progress since the last report given at the NMCAL Business meeting on January 26, 2023 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

January 26, 2023 – Progress report provided to the NMCAL Directors. Provided a PowerPoint and discussion of the Draw Down Reports for 2018 & 2020 bond funds.

January 27, 2023 – Library Legislative Day.

March 02, 2023 – NMCAL Legislative Committee Meeting. Review of January 26, 2023 business meeting presentation and discussions on strategies for spending down 2018 bond funds, review general guidelines for expenditures of Library GO Bond Funds sheet, meetings with key stakeholders in the state to explain academic library needs, i.e. CUP, two-year branch and independent, working with NMLA to begin initiative for 2024, etc.

May 05, 2023 - Zoom meeting with Samantha, NMCAL President and April Kent and Ruben Aragon on the NMCAL's Legislative Committee PowerPoint and items for the agenda at the NMCAL Retreat in August 2023.

June 09, 2023 – NMCAL Executive Board Meeting. To begin discussions on agenda for the NMCAL Retreat.

June 26, 2023 – Contacted Joe Sabatini, Co-Chair of the NMLA Legislative Committee. Purpose was to begin the 2024 Library GO Bond initiative.

June 30, 2023 – Zoom meeting with NMLA Legislative Committee. Mainly to discuss the 2024 Library GO Bond initiative.

July 10, 2023 – NMCAL Legislative Committee Zoom Meeting with Ms. Cally Carswell, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee.

July 17, 2023 – Joe Sabatini sent letter to Senator George K. Munoz, Chair, Legislative Finance Committee, for the New Mexico Library Association Legislation Committee's request for placing a \$19 million bond issue for libraries on the 2024 General Obligation Bond Issue.

July 19, 2023 – Zoom meeting with Samantha Hewakapuge, NMCAL President and April Kent and Ruben Aragon on the NMCAL's Legislative Committee finalizing presentations and guests at the NMCAL Retreat in August 2023.

Miscellaneous:

- ✓ Email and telephone correspondence with NMHED took place. Mr. Gerald Hoehne, Director of Capital Projects and Joe Brown, Capital Analyst on items pertaining to the 2018 and 2020 NM Academic GO Bond Distribution, collaborative project, and expenditures.

Dates For Your Calendar:

- ✓ **Library Legislative Day, January 2024.**

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