



## New Mexico Well Represented at the NACo Fall Board Meeting

In Ramsey County Minnesota, NMC Past President Valencia County Commissioner Jhonathan Aragon participated in a panel discussion on connecting and building bridges among county officials. Under the leadership of NACo President Mary Jo McGuire, the Board also explored innovative strategies to move counties **ForwardTogether** with a focus on connecting and building bridges, inspiring engagement in county government, and leading intergovernmental partnerships.

Thank you, Commissioner Aragon, for enlightening other county leaders and bringing New Mexico to the forefront! NMC is proud of our leadership!

**NMC Legislative Conference  
State & Federal Agency Expo**  
Wed. Jan. 17, 2024 10am-11:30am  
Santa Fe Community Convention Center  
Engage in robust conversations with your state and federal agency representatives in the SFCCC lobby to answer questions and offer support to county government.



## NM Legislative Reports (NMLR) Trainings

Each year prior to the opening of the legislative session, NMC provides counties access to NMLR training via online. The NMLR allows counties to track certain bills, view updated actions on bills from the NMC Board and Executive Committee, and follow NMC bills and priorities. Also, regular updates are provided by the NMC legislative team. If you cannot be in Santa Fe for committee or floor hearings, you can watch remotely on the [nmlegis.gov](https://nmlegis.gov) website under the What's Happening tab. Please invite your legislators to attend the NMC Conference legislative breakfast on Thursday morning January 18, 2024 at 7:15am at the Santa Fe Community Convention Center.

For a password or questions about NMLR, please contact Beverly Garcia, 505-670-3022 or email [Beverly@nmlr.com](mailto:Beverly@nmlr.com).

Please take advantage of any of the following trainings:

- Tue. Dec. 12 10am-11am [Link to join virtually](#)
- Wed. Dec. 13 10am-11am [Link to join virtually](#)
- Mon. Jan. 8 10am-11am [Link to join virtually](#)
- Tue. Jan. 9 10am-11am [Link to join virtually](#)

**Tune in Thur. Dec. 14, 9AM**

Host Grant County Raul Turrieta speaks with Roosevelt County Commissioner Dennis Lopez on the trend of illicit fentanyl and drug use among adolescents and the outcomes. Please tune in.

Live streaming on [GMCR.org](https://gmcr.org)



**2024 Legislative Conference**  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
January 16, 2024 - January 18, 2024

Wed. Jan. 17 SFCCC

- 8:30am **Opening Session** Inmate Growth Naturally and Intentionally Through Education (IGNITE) Program
- 9:30am-12:30pm **Agency Expo** Mingle with state and federal agencies and get answers to your burning county questions
- 10:15am-12:30pm **Workshops**
- The Rise of Artificial Intelligence Exploring the Past, Present, and Future of A.I.
- What's the Temperature in the Pool?
- ChatGPT to PrivateGPT: Securing Your A.I. Data
- Media Do's and Don'ts

Registration \$300 through 1/5/24.

**LEADERSHIP NEW MEXICO**

**2024 Local Government Leadership Program Applications Open**

This program prepares local officials with the background and knowledge necessary to undertake their civic responsibility with a passion for effective and ethical public service.

Session 1 February 19-22, 2024 Las Vegas  
Session 2 April 17-20, 2024 Carlsbad  
**Deadline to apply is December 30, 2023.**  
Download application and email to [leader@leadershipnm.org](mailto:leader@leadershipnm.org).

**NM EDGE**

NM EDGE class [registration](#) is open for January and for onsite classes during the NMC Legislative Conference on Mon. Jan. 15-Tue. Jan. 16, 2024.

**FEMA's BRIC Program Allocates \$137 Million for Building Codes**

County funding to advance hazard-resistant construction while increasing their competitiveness for future infrastructure grants. [Read more](#)

Wed Dec 13 NACo: [Charting Your AI Growth: Practical Generative AI-Steps for Productivity Improvements](#) 11am-noon MST

Thu Dec 14 NACo: [ARPA and Beyond: County Perspectives on Using Federal Funds to Address Affordable Housing Challenges](#) Noon-1pm MST

[Link to NMC 2023 Annual Meetings Calendar](#)  
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[Link: Loss Prevention Trainings Calendar & RSVP](#)

Thur Dec 21-22 (moved) NMCIA Board meeting & Retreat Doña Ana County Hotel Encanto  
Tue Dec 19 NMCRe Captive Board virtual meeting 10am  
2024  
Jan NM EDGE classes 1/4, 1/9, 1/23, 1/24, 1/25, 1/30, 1/31 Live Online  
Mon Jan 15-18 NMC Legislative Conference Santa Fe, Hilton and SFCCC  
Mon Jan 15-16 NM EDGE at conference  
Tue Jan 16 NMCIA Membership meeting 9am  
Tue Jan 16 Legislative Session opens Noon  
Tue Jan 16 NMC Board of Directors meeting 2pm  
Fri Jan 19 NMC Lobbyist meeting Santa Fe office  
Thu Jan 25 NMC Executive Committee Zoom 11am  
Wed Jan 31 Bill introduction deadline  
Sat Feb 3 NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30am Santa Fe  
Thu Feb 8 Executive Committee meeting 11am virtual  
Sat Feb 10-13 NACo Legislative Conference DC  
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