

Adelante Progressive Caucus Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 19, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Zoom

Attendees

- Colton Dean (Chair)
- Scotti Romberg
- Daniel Fay
- Trujillo-Fay

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Colton Dean.

SCC Meeting Debrief

- **General Overview:** Colton reported that the State Central Committee (SCC) meeting was reasonable and uneventful.
- **Voting:** The Chair of the Environmental Justice (EJ) Caucus spoke regarding voting acceptance at SCC meetings, which was well-received.
- **Signatures:** Colton mentioned signing for Matt Dobson, emphasizing the importance of allowing candidates to make their case.
- **Legislative Outreach:** Colton discussed an initiative to encourage members to write to state legislators regarding how the "Big Ugly Bill" has personally affected them. This idea was shared with Rep. Herndon and Matthew McQueen, receiving positive feedback.

Scheduling & Upcoming Events

- **December 4th Conflict:** It was noted that three events coincide on Thursday, December 4th at roughly the same time:
 1. Adelante General Membership Meeting (6:30 PM)
 2. Inter-Caucus Zoom Meeting (6:30 PM)
 3. Healthy Climate NM Gubernatorial/Lt. Gov Candidate Forum at CNM (6:00 PM)
- **Decision:** The committee agreed to **cancel the regular General Membership meeting** for December.
 - Colton will attend the Inter-Caucus meeting on behalf of Adelante.
 - Membership will be directed to attend the Healthy Climate NM forum at CNM instead.
- **Future Meetings:** The caucus intends to invite Gubernatorial candidates to a future

general meeting (potentially February/March) for a direct Q&A.

Strategic Initiatives & Public Power

- **Public Power/PNM:** Scotti is tracking the "Public Power" initiative and the pushback against the private equity purchase of PNM. Scotti is attending a Zoom meeting regarding BlackRock on Friday at 3:00 PM.
- **Legislation Strategy:** The committee discussed the potential for drafting legislation or a "mock-up" bill to present to legislators regarding public power. Colton volunteered to help research and draft if that is the direction the coalition wants to take.

Media & Communications

- **Website:** Dan is updating the website. Colton and Scotti provided photos from the SCC meeting for the site.
- **Written Report:** Colton emailed the written Caucus Report to Dan to be posted on the website alongside the YouTube video.
- **Podcast:**
 - Carol proposed ideas including interviews with Executive Committee members and potentially using meeting audio.
 - The committee decided against using raw meeting audio due to pacing issues.
 - **New Content Ideas:** Colton suggested deep-dives into New Mexico political structures, such as the efficacy of a bicameral legislature and a review of the State Constitution.

Announcements

- **Colton Dean:** Announced he has accepted a night-shift nursing position at Kaseman ER starting January 5th. He will communicate any future scheduling conflicts regarding Thursday night meetings.

Action Items

- **Dan/Scotti:** Update the website/social media to inform members that the Dec 4th General Meeting is cancelled and encourage them to attend the Healthy Climate NM forum.
- **Colton:** Attend the Inter-Caucus meeting on Dec 4th.
- **Dan:** Upload SCC photos and the written Caucus Report to the website.
- **Colton:** Email a list of podcast topic ideas to Carol.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:19 PM.