

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS ORIENTATION

January 13-14, 2026

New Mexico Ballroom - LaFonda on the Plaza - Santa Fe

PROGRAM

Tuesday, January 13

1:00 - 1:15 PM

Welcome & Introductions

Speakers: NMML/NMSIF Staff

1:15 - 2:30 PM

Forms of Municipal Government

Speaker: Rebecca Martinez, Policy & Education Manager/Institute Director
NM Municipal League

2:30 - 3:30 PM

Ethical Responsibilities of Local Elected Officials

Speaker: Rebecca Branch, Deputy Compliance Counsel
State Ethics Commission

3:30 - 3:45 PM

Break

3:45 - 5:00 PM

Basic Principles of Municipal Finances

Speaker: Michael Steininger, Budget & Finance Analyst
Local Government Division, DFA

5:30 PM

Reception/Dinner

Wednesday, January 14

8:30 - 9:30 AM

Open Meetings Act Compliance

Speaker: Nicole Sanchez, Attorney
NM Department of Justice

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Risk Management 101

Speaker: Allen Fugler, Underwriting Director
NM Self Insurers' Fund

10:30 - 10:45 AM

Break

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Basics of Municipal Court

Speaker: Elizabeth Allen, Municipal Judge
City/County of Los Alamos

12:00 PM

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