

# 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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