

# iSOS February 12 2024 Meeting Notes Sara Buller

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Suozzi - you can still text/phone for him

Dems are texting - Call Paula Sabloff for more information. Note that you will be trained for texting NM State or Federal Reps might still need signatures

## Legis Session

- Today SB 3 - paid family passed the senate but with a 5 ½ hour debate on Friday night. Party line and usual Dem defectors. Thank goodness there are enough progressive Senate Democrats to pass.
- 7 seven-day waiting period has passed the Senate by a 4 hour debate. Exception for concealed carrier. They don't have a waiting period.
- No guns in polling places will pass. A good chance will pass (DUH).
- Legis time is not allowing for other gun laws
- The budget is on the Senate floor and has passed the House. Has to be passed by Thursday.

## Other Bills

- Create a task force for missing and murdered Indigenous Women. Probably pass. Moving to the DOJ NM (formerly DA office)
- Also a trust fund for American education.
- Gov killed the last task force.
- Bills we've been following won't make it.
  - Two trust funds for environmental, one is perpetual, and an expendable fund for putting money away for 4-5 years.
  - HB 148 reforming Game and Fish, sitting in House Judiciary. But it's a revamp and may be taken up next year.
  - Joint resolutions didn't make it. Too short.

NEXT YEAR: something should be done about filibustering: the Senate has no limits. House has limits but they've been filibustering for HOURS at a time.

## GUEST SPEAKER

KAREN BULLER, Chairw Board Santa Fe Indigenous Center, educator, and activist, named one of NM's 2021 One of Ten Who Made with very subtle encouragement to embrace catholicism. The return of the Spanish priests after the Pueblo War was NOT a bloodless clue. These are just some of the talking points that have been taught.

- There was a BOE meeting where Native Americans protested and were treated horribly at this meeting. The upshot is that now, priests can only go only certain grades. The return of the Spanish priests after the Pueblo War was NOT a bloodless clue. These are some of the talking points that have been taught.
- The Indigenous Center will not support artwork supporting killing Indians and that's what Fiesta does.
- 2 hearings - Fiesta Council threatened violence. Local ACLU sent a letter about Church and State. So that concerned the superintendent. Lots of yelling and screaming the board buckled and allowed it.
- Still doing - BTW, these are Indian Parents, not Indigenous center. Parents (with help from the Center?) asking ACLU to look into this.

## Discussion

- Assimilation?
  - Most Indian tribes don't want people marrying into their own tribes. But generally not a big deal. Used to be you needed at least a quarter of blood to be an enrolled member of a tribe. Other tribes decided that on a certain day in July, they would be enrolled as full blood. Different for every tribe.
  - Non-native people at Pow Wows - they welcome everyone.
  - Indigenous Center has lectures, etc. These are public activities targeting Native Americans but some are also targeted for the general public. Indian Hospital is no longer a hospital but a primary care center.
  - Subscribe to their newsletter on their website. <https://santafeindigenouscenter.org/>
  - Conversation about our Free-Flow Product contribution
  - Trying to get the state ACLU to be more involved in litigating to represent the interest of Santa Fe Indi families with the school board about Fiesta.