



Bobbie J. Gutierrez

NMRECA Executive Director

BACKGROUND AND EXEPRIENCE

Bobbie Gutierrez currently serves as New Mexico's State Executive Director for the New Mexico Regional Education Cooperatives, better known as NM RECA. There are 10 Regional Education Cooperatives (RECs) found regionally throughout the state. RECs are state agencies, administratively attached by statute, to the New Mexico Public Education Department and they provide many services to the sixty-eight rural school districts in the state, as well as manage Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) and grants for NMPED. RECs also provide services to other state agencies. The RECs have numerous statewide initiatives that support all school districts in the state. Bobbie is NM RECA's first association executive director in the history of the RECs.

Bobbie "grew up" in the Santa Fe Public Schools from the classroom to the boardroom and retired in 2012 after serving several years as superintendent. In later years, Bobbie served as the superintendent of schools for Espanola Public Schools. Bobbie has coordinated and facilitated the Aspiring Superintendents' Academy for the New Mexico Coalition of Educational Leaders (NMCEL) and Cooperative Education Services (CES) Leadership Development programs since 2020; and prior to that from 2013-2017. She represents the RECs on the NMCEL Board of Directors. She currently serves on the board of directors for Cooking with Kids in Santa Fe and is the immediate past president of the New Mexico Retired Superintendents' Association (NMRSA).

Bobbie is a native of Lubbock, Texas, attended Texas Tech University, and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education with certifications in secondary language arts and reading. She has a Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration and Leadership from the University of New Mexico.

Bobbie comes from a family of educators. Her husband is a retired educator, and Bobbie has sons, and five grandchildren that inspire her to continue her work in public education.