**NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes for Work Session**

**Thursday, January 15, 2015**

**1.         CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Carolyn Shearman called the PEC work session to order at 1:05 p.m. in the conference room at the Cooperative Education Services (CES), 4216 Balloon Park Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

**2.         ROLL CALL**

Secretary Vince Bergman called roll.

                        Present:

            Commissioner Carolyn Shearman, Chair, District 9, Artesia

Commissioner Vince Bergman, Secretary, District 8, Roswell

                        Commissioner Millie Pogna, Member, District 2, Albuquerque

Commissioner Jeff Carr, District 10, Eagle Nest (arrived at 1:30 p.m.)

                        Commissioner Carmie Toulouse, District 3, Albuquerque

Commissioner James Conyers, District 5, Bloomfield

Commissioner Patricia Gipson, District 7, Las Cruces

                        Commissioner Karyl Ann Armbruster, District 4, Albuquerque

                        Absent:

                        Commissioner Gilbert Peralta, District 6, Socorro

                        Commissioner Eleanor Chavez, District 1, Albuquerque

                        Also Present:

                        Matt Pahl, PED Interim Director of Options for Parents

                        Julie Lucero, PED Manger of Charter Schools

                        Kathy Sandoval Snyder, Principal of AIMS@UNM

                        NM Senator Daniel Ivey-Soto, Attorney for AIMS@UNM

                        Raphael Martinez, Albuquerque Sign Language Academy

Beverly Friedman, PED Liaison to the PEC

**3.         APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda was approved by all present.

**4.         WORK SESSION**

The Chair asked that Joshua Granata, the PEC Attorney, begin with the Open Meetings presentation while waiting for guests from charter school to arrive.

Mr. Granata used a slide show to discuss OMA regulations and how they applied to the PEC.

He discussed Commissioners speaking as private citizens and as PEC members and how Commissioners should not communicate with each other about PEC business to avoid a rolling quorum. The PEC Rules of Order were briefly discussed, and all Commissioners were advised that these rules would be voted on at the February PEC meeting.

AIMS@UNM Principal Kathy Sandoval Snyder presented a slide program on charter school replication. New Mexico Senator and AIMS@UNM attorney Daniel Ivey-Soto joined Ms. Snyder for the presentation.  PEC Commissioners and the presenters discussed replication and the impact on New Mexico Charter Schools.  Chair Shearman appointed an ad hoc Task Force to further discuss replication and make recommendations to the PEC.  Members of that ad hoc Task Force are: Commissioners Carmie Toulouse, Patricia Gipson, Eleanor Chavez and Carolyn Shearman.  Matt Pahl asked to also work with this Task Force.

The Commission discussed charter school application protocols and the purpose of having numeric values on the applications.  Clarification of some areas of new charter applications were discussed.

Commissioner Jeff Carr discussed the roles of the PEC as referred to in 22-8-B-5.3 and whether PEC was meeting all of its responsibilities statutorily.  The PEC Charter School Committee will discuss this issue and report back to the PEC.

**5.         ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. on a motion from Secretary Bergman, seconded by Commissioner Toulouse. The motion to adjourn was approved by all present.