

## Public Education Commission Meeting

December 7-9, 2016

Mabry Hall, Jerry Apodaca Education Building  
300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, NM 87501

### Summary Minutes

<p><b>Members Present-</b> Patricia Gipson, Chair Gilbert Peralta, Vice-Chair Karyl Ann Armbruster, Secretary Jeff Carr Eleanor Chavez (telephonically 12/7, 12/8) Danielle Johnston Millie Pogna (present on 12/7, 12/9) Carmie Toulouse</p> <p>Meeting began at 9:04 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Members Absent-</b> James Conyers Carolyn Shearman Millie Pogna (absent 12/8) Eleanor Chavez (absent 12/9)</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 1.</b> CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE &amp; SALUTE TO NEW MEXICO FLAG</p>	<p>Karyl Ann Armbruster, Secretary called the roll and confirmed a quorum.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 2.</b> APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Jeff Carr made a motion to approve the agenda removing Items 7B and 7C. Karyl Ann Armbruster seconded the motion. <b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 3.</b> APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TRANSCRIPT</p> <p>A. Approval of PEC Work Session Minutes for November 14, 2016</p> <p>B. Approval of PEC Meeting Transcript/Minutes For November 15, 2016</p> <p>C. Approval of PEC Summary Minutes For November 15, 2016</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Carmie Toulouse made a motion to approve the work session minutes for November 14, 2016. Millie Pogna seconded the motion. <b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Karyl Ann Armbruster made the following motion: I move we approve the minutes transcript from November 15th. Gilbert Peralta seconded the motion. <b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Gilbert Peralta made a motion to approve the summary minutes for November 15, 2016. Jeff Carr seconded the motion. <b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>



<p>Eleanor Chavez disconnected from the meeting.</p> <p>2. Consideration of Amendment Included in Renewal Application</p> <p>Eleanor Chavez reconnected to the meeting.</p> <p>C. Sage Montessori Charter School, Albuquerque</p>	<p>growth of the lowest performing students, Q1, and the school's performance framework include organizational goals related to audit findings and responsiveness and financial performance and reporting; this, with the idea that we are excluding the amendment request. Karyl Ann Armbruster seconded the motion.</p> <p><b>Motion did not pass (3-5; Carr, Toulouse, Gipson, Chavez, and Pogna voted No)</b></p> <p><b>MOTION</b> Carmie Toulouse made the following motion: I move that we approve Coral Community Charter School for two years, with the conditions of a submission of an acceptable academic improvement plan, along with regular reporting on that plan and its effectiveness, and that they follow through with their financial Corrective Action Plan, on a timely basis, and that we exclude the request for a change to the mission statement, which we will take up at a separate point. Danielle Johnston seconded the motion.</p> <p><b>Motion passed by a majority vote (5-3; Chavez, Peralta, and Carr voted No)</b></p> <p><b>MOTION</b> Carmie Toulouse made the following motion: I move that we approve the change of mission statement for Coral Community School from using the words "through seventh grade," to using "through eighth grade" and "pre-K". Millie Pogna seconded the motion.</p> <p><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION</b> Gilbert Peralta made the following motion: I move to deny the renewal application for the Sage Montessori Charter School in Albuquerque for the following reasons: The school committed a material violation of the conditions, standards, or procedures set forth in the charter contract, due to, one, the school failed to meet or make progress toward a majority of the goals in the charter contract, and, two, the school has failed to meet several elements of the material terms of the contract. Also, the school has experienced a high teacher,</p>
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<p>3. Consideration of Amendment Included in Renewal Application</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Carmie Toulouse made the following motion: I move that the PEC approve the Southwest Primary amendment to, effective July 1st, consider the addition of the seventh and eighth grades to their program and no longer be just a primary school as their wording is here. Patricia Gipson seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Carmie Toulouse made the following motion: Madam Chair, I move a motion to rescind whatever it was I said that I shouldn't have said to get this to lunchtime. Thank you very much. Patricia Gipson: I'll second that.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Carmie Toulouse made the following motion: Madam Chair, I will entertain the second motion that the PEC approve the Southwest Primary's amendment to effective July 1st, 2017, to begin serving K-8 presently offering 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 -- that's what's worded here -- and absorbing seventh and eighth grade students from what was the Southwest Intermediate Learning Center. I read it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion was not seconded. No vote was taken</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Carmie Toulouse made the following motion: Effective July 1st, 2018, they will begin serving grades 4 through 8 by absorbing the seventh and eighth grade students who are currently at the Southwest Intermediate Learning Center. Patricia Gipson seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Patricia Gipson made the following motion: I make a motion to pass the amendment for Southwest Primary to read: Southwest Preparatory Learning Center provides the technology elective course for seventh and eighth grades, Smart lab that is unique to the school. Southwest Preparatory Learning Center provides pre-algebra to all seventh graders in Algebra 1 for high school credit to all eighth graders. Southwest Preparatory Learning Center provides a community-based activity component to the academic curriculum for seventh and eighth grade. Southwest Preparatory Learning Center provides one online course for seventh grade and two online courses for eighth graders. Effective July 1st, 2017. Karyl Ann Armbruster seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>



<p>J. McCurdy Charter School, Espanola</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Jeff Carr made the following motion: I move to approve the renewal application for McCurdy Charter School in Española for five years. Carmie Toulouse seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>
<p>K. La Tierra Montessori Charter School, Ohkay Owingeh, Espanola</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Jeff Carr made the following motion: I move to approve the renewal application for La Tierra Montessori Charter School for five years. Carmie Toulouse seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>
<p>L. Uplift Community School, Gallup</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Gilbert Peralta made the following motion: I move to deny to renew the application for Uplift Community School for the following reasons: One, the school committed a material violation of the conditions, standards, or procedures set forth in the charter contract because they are not fulfilling the mission of the school. It has failed to meet nearly all the major elements of the material terms of the contract. Secondly, the school failed to meet or make substantial progress towards achievement of the Department's standards of excellence or student performance standards identified in the charter contract because the school currently maintains a three-year average letter grade of F and it has earned a D or F letter grade in each of the last three years. The school has failed to meet or make progress toward each of the goals in the charter contract, and the school failed to complete and submit statutorily required state PARCC assessments in one year. The school's short-cycle assessment data demonstrates declining proficiencies at almost every grade level in almost every year. Thirdly, the school failed to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management because multi-year report audit findings, single-year report audit findings, and significant deficiencies identified by the audit. And, finally, the school violated any provision of law from which the charter school was not specifically exempted because the school has failed to comply with provisions of law from which the school has not been specifically exempted and the following: They failed to develop and obtain approval on a student wellness and safety plan. They failed to conduct legally required safety drills, and violated transportation requirements. Also, the school failed to complete summative teacher evaluations as required by New Mexico Teach for two years. And, finally, the school failed to complete and submit statutorily required state PARCC assessments in one year. Carmie Toulouse seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>

<p>M. Walatowa Charter School, Jemez Pueblo</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Patricia Gipson made the following motion:  I move that the Public Education Commission approve the renewal application for Walatowa Charter School Jemez Pueblo for a period of five years with the following conditions: Report on implementation of Corrective Action Plan for audits and develop a Corrective Action Plan to ensure timely STARS data reporting.  Third condition: The school will work directly with CSD to create a Corrective Action Plan to ensure all governing board members complete the required annual training.  Carmie Toulouse seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 7. REPORT FROM OPTIONS FOR PARENTS &amp; THE CHARTER SCHOOL DIVISION--DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS</b></p> <p>A. Charter School Division Update</p> <p><del>B. Six Directions Indigenous School Budget Reporting Concerns</del></p> <p><del>C. Dził Dít'ooí School of Empowerment Action and Perseverance (DEAP) Budget Reporting Concerns</del></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NEW APPLICATION REVIEW</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Recorded comments are available in full transcript</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 9. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR</b></p> <p>A. Update from New Mexico Charter Coalition</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Recorded comments are available in full transcript</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 10. PEC COMMENTS</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 11. OPEN FORUM</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No comments.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 12. ADJOURN</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion</b></p> <p>Jeff Carr moved to adjourn the meeting.  Karyl Ann Armbruster seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>