

**Public Education Commission Meeting**

September 1, 2017

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

**Summary Minutes**

<p><b>Members Present-</b> Patricia Gipson, Chair Karyl Ann Armbruster, Secretary Gilbert Peralta, Vice-Chair Carmie Toulouse James Conyers Trish Ruiz Danielle Johnston Tim Crone David Robbins</p> <p>Meeting began at 9:04 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Members Absent</b> R. Carlos Caballero</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>Trish Ruiz made a motion to approve the agenda. Carmie Toulouse seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 3.</b> PUBLIC COMMENT</p>	<p>Public comments were made by Marjorie. The recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 4.</b> APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TRANSCRIPT</p> <p>A. Approval of PEC Work Session Minutes for July 19, 2017</p> <p>B. Approval of PEC Meeting Transcript/Minutes for July 19, 2017.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Tim Crone made a motion to approve the Work Session Minutes for July 19, 2017. Trish Ruiz 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>James Conyers made a motion to approve the Meeting Transcript Minutes for July 19, 2017. Carmie Toulouse seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>

<p>C. Approval of PEC Summary Minutes for July 19, 2017.</p> <p>D. Approval of Transcript/Minutes for PEC Public Input Hearing for Albuquerque Collegiate Charter School on July 20, 2017.</p> <p>E. Approval of Transcript/Minutes for PEC Public Input Hearing for Altura Preparatory School on July 20, 2017.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Trish Ruiz made a motion to approve the Meeting Summary Minutes for July 19, 2017. Karyl Ann Armbruster seconded the motion. <b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Danielle Johnston made a motion to approve the Transcript Minutes for the PEC Public Input Hearing for Albuquerque Collegiate Charter School, July 20, 2017. Trish Ruiz seconded the motion. <b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Carmie Toulouse made a motion to approve the Transcript Minutes for the PEC Public Input Hearing for Altura Preparatory School, July 20, 2017. Karyl Ann Armbruster seconded the motion. <b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 5. UPDATE ON CARL D. PERKINS PROGRAM</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 6. REPORT FROM NEW MEXICO SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION (NMSBA)</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 7. APPROVAL/DENIAL OF NEW CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>A. Albuquerque Collegiate Charter School</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Charter School Division Recommendation</li> <li>2. Applicant Comments</li> <li>3. PEC Questions/Comments to Applicant and CSD</li> <li>4. Final Determination Vote</li> </ol> <p>B. Altura Preparatory School</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Charter School Division Recommendation</li> <li>2. Applicant Comments</li> <li>3. PEC Questions/Comments to Applicant and CSD</li> <li>4. Final Determination Vote</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>David Robbins made the following motion: I move that we approve the charter application for Albuquerque Collegiate Charter School. Trish Ruiz seconded the motion. <b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Trish Ruiz made the following motion: Madam Chair, I make a motion that we accept the application for Altura Preparatory School. Danielle Johnston seconded the motion. <b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>

**Agenda Item 8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHARTER SCHOOL AMENDMENTS.**

- A. Explore Academy
  - 1. Addition of grades 6-8

- B. Taos Integrated School for the Arts
  - 1. Facility Change

**MOTION**

Gilbert Peralta made the following motion:  
Madam Chair, I move to approve the amendment request presented by Explore Academy Charter School requesting to amend its instructional program, which currently houses Grades 9 through 12, with an enrollment cap at 500, to include Grades 6 and 7 in 2018-'19, and to include Grade 8 in 2009-'20, with an enrollment cap at 500, because the school has demonstrated an acceptable level of academic performance through letter-grade performance by earning a letter grade of an "A" for two consecutive years.

Patricia Gipson seconded the motion.

**Motion passed unanimously**

**MOTION**

Gilbert Peralta made the following motion:  
Okay. I move to approve the amendment request, with the condition that the school submits to the PED all outstanding documentation prior to the occupation of the proposed facility presented by Taos Integrated School for the Arts, Requesting to amend Article VIII, Section 8, Section 8.01A(x), Page 36 of its contract to read, "School is building on their permanent location and will be moving on to the permanent location and beginning classes on the new location for the 2017-2018 school year, because the Commission -- because....The conditions are that TISA must provide the PED the following documentation. And some of these documentations may have already been submitted. I'm going to state these conditions anyway.  
1, a signed Governing Board meeting notes at which the Governing Board approved the proposed amendment request.  
2, the Public Schools Facility Authority letter approving the facility.

And, 3, and most important, an E-Occupancy Certificate for the facility into which the school seeks to move.

Carmie Toulouse seconded the motion.

**Motion passed by a majority vote  
(8-1; Johnston voted no)**

**Agenda Item 9. REPORT FROM OPTIONS FOR PARENTS & THE CHARTER SCHOOL DIVISION—DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS**

- A. Charter School Division Update
- B. Report on Governance Changes
  - 1. Anthony Charter School
  - 2. Dził Dít'ooí School of Empowerment Action and

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<p>Perseverance (DEAP)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. J. Paul Taylor Academy</li> <li>4. Explore Academy</li> <li>5. Six Directions Indigenous School</li> <li>6. Southwest Secondary Learning Center</li> <li>7. Taos International School</li> <li>8. The GREAT Academy</li> <li>9. The ASK Academy</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Agenda Item 10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PEC PLANNING YEAR CHECK LIST</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Carmie Toulouse made the following motion: Madam Chair, I move that we approve the Implementation Year Checklist for use in this coming year, with a report back on whether we need revisions to it for next year. James Conyers seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RFP AND SUBMITTED PROPOSALS FOR A PEC ATTORNEY</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Patricia Gipson made the following motion: I make a motion that the Public Education Department execute a contract for PEC attorney scope of work, having already been agreed upon with the Bio Law Firm. Trish Ruiz seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 12. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Update from the New Mexico Charter Coalition</li> </ol>	<p>Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 13. PEC COMMENTS</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 14. EXECUTIVE SESSION— DISCUSSION OF PENDING LITIGATION IN WHICH PEC IS A PARTICIPANT, PURSUANT TO NMSA 1978, SECTION 10-15-1(H)(7)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Trish Ruiz made a motion for the meeting to move into Executive Session pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7). Patricia Gipson seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p> <p>Patricia Gipson provided the following notification: I'm going to call us back into Open Session. And let the record note that there were no votes made while we were in closed session.... [and the discussion was] Only pursuant to the two</p>

	legal items related to issues that Randi Valverde and David Stevens from the Attorney General's Office needed to speak with us about.
<b>Agenda Item 15. ADJOURN</b>  Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.	<b>MOTION</b> Carmie Toulouse made a motion to adjourn. Trish Ruiz seconded the motion. <b>Motion passed unanimously</b>

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